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A portrait by Gilbert Stuart in 1806 of General Henry Knox (July 25, 1750 – October 25, 1806) who was a military officer of the Continental Army and later the United States Army, and also served as the first United States Secretary of War.

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(Top) Last naval Battle celebration: National Organizing Secretary, C.A.R., Billie Brock bringing greetings. (Middle) (l-r) Glen Sappie, NCSSAR President; Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Chaplain General; Dr. Sam Powell, SAR Foundation President; Lindsey Brock, Treasure General; Steve Pittard, South Atlantic District, VPG; Walter Reed, GASSAR; Michael Tomme, Registrar General and NSSAR Color Guard Commander. (Bottom) (l-r) Florida Color Guard at the recent FSSDAR Spring Forum George Lockhart, Ralph Nelson, Michelle Hubenschmidt (see page 21), Frank Nolte, and Steve Williams.

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Photographs of the Winter 2013 BOM meeting: Business meeting, Color Guard presentation, Rumbaugh contestants, members relaxing in Hospitality room, and the banquet dais.

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Artist's rendering of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War between the American Frigate *Alliance* captained by Commodore John Barry and the British Frigate *Sybil*.

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*\* an appreciation for true patriotism*

*\* a respect for our national symbols*

*\* the value of American citizenship*

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# From the President's Quill



Compatriots,

My term as your President ends on May 4 during our Annual Meeting. I am thankful for the Officers who worked diligently to get the necessary work done on your behalf. The Standing Rules and Procedures Manual review Committee lead by RVP Victor McMurry and RVP Danny Hooper dedicated many hours of their time over several weeks to the revision and update. SVP Ted Duay and his Charter and By-Laws Committee presented the recommended updates from their review

during January BOM. The Committee recommendations will be presented for vote to approve during our Annual Meeting in May.

Two SAR Medals: The Roger Sherman Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal presented to the BOM in January by RVP Victor McMurry and RVP Danny Hooper were approved to be presented to the NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee. I presented the proposal to the South Atlantic District meeting and they voted in favor of the medals. Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Randy Moody presented the proposal at the GASSAR Annual Meeting and they endorsed it.

I presented the proposal to the NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee during the March Spring Leadership meeting. Our 2 Medals were approved unanimously along with my proposal that the Chapter Distinguished Service be retroactive for 5 years (1 for each year) should the current President wish to present them to qualified members. The NSSAR Executive Committee later ap-

proved the medals which was the final approval needed. The Medal Awards are for the members who serve as lower ranking chapter officers under the President and long serving Committee Chairman including the state level as well.

You will notice in this Patriot the information approved during the October BOM regarding our new BOM meeting location. The BOM meetings will be after our May Annual Meeting be held only every 4 months instead of every 3 thus reducing BOM meeting to 3 times a year by not having a summer meeting in July or August.

As SAR Members, we committed ourselves when inducted to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and each time we recite the SAR Pledge. Many of us took this same oath when serving in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and other Government service or private organization positions.

Regardless of your stand on the 2nd Amendment you should know the below information.

During my visit to the emergency room after the last Memorial Day Parade suffering from heat exhaustion the person taking my personal information asked if I had any guns at home. I asked why that was being asked to which he answered we are required to ask by Federal Law. I replied, it was none of the government's business. As I am a retired Law Enforcement Officer, draw your own conclusions.

Recently I have learned the following. If I am asked again, I will give them the Law I know.

(Senate amendment 3276, Sec. 2716, part c) is hidden deep within the massive 2800-page bill called Obamacare,

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## EDITOR'S CUT



This will be my last issue of *The Florida Patriot* as Editor. Beginning with the Summer issue Jeff Sizemore will be the new Editor following his election at the Annual Meeting this coming May. Jeff has had experience in producing a newsletter for the Central Florida chapter and is an excellent choice as Editor. Jeff

will make *The Florida Patriot* into a newsletter we can all be proud of and I know that you will support him in his efforts as you have supported me. We wish Jeff continued success in his efforts.

One of the decisions that came out of the Winter BOM after discussion in the business meeting was that the Editor should take advantage of the cost savings from the electronic delivery of *The Florida Patriot* to over 1,000 of our Florida members to increase the page count for the issues. A concern that came out of the Region Vice Presidents' meeting that centered on the RVP's collective belief that many of our Florida Compatriots did not get information from the BOM on what our state committees are doing or even what they are and why the membership needs to know about them. As a result of this sense of a lack of basic information, the BOM agreed

to have addition pages in each issue for the purpose of providing such information on the committees and other aspects of the Florida society that is not widely known or understood. Therefore, in this issue you will find a section dealing with our committees - for those committees that have submitted an article. Please read that section in its entirety so that you can become more knowledgeable about the worthwhile things these committees are doing for our communities, our state, our chapters, and the national society.

There is also the complete Florida Bylaws with the proposed amendments published in this issue for you to read and understand what might be changed if these amendments are approved. These proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting to which every member is encouraged to attend.

Remember to submit your Summer issue articles and chapter news to Jeff Sizemore.

*Steven Williams*

**Summer Issue deadline? See next page for Content Submission guidelines.**

## SAFE AND RESPECTFUL RETIREMENT OF NYLON FLAGS

**The Problem:** A decade ago I attended a flag retirement ceremony at the Delaware Memorial Veterans Cemetery, where several Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs had collected hundreds of flags for a retirement ceremony. The advisor for this Eagle Scout project was a member of the local fire department and knew that nylon and polyester flags could pose serious problems. Burning nylon releases ammonia and cyanides into the air. Polyester melts easily and can cause severe burns if the melt drips on skin. Under low-oxygen combustion conditions polyester produces large quantities of carcinogenic polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH). Because of air pollution and personal injury concerns these flags were set aside for separate processing by the DuPont Company -- a major producer of nylon at that time. These flags were burned in a special incinerator with a smokestack designed for removing from the combustion stream the ammonia, cyanide, and formaldehyde produced by the nylon. As a chemist and chemical engineer I was glad to see that the potential hazards from these commonly-used materials were managed in a legal, safe, and practical manner.

A recent FLAtalk discussion noted that flag retirement ceremonies are held regularly throughout our nation, and I wondered how many of the groups that organized them understood the hazards of burning nylon and polyester and took appropriate precautions to prevent pollution and melt-burning. I suspected that few organizations had access to incinerators designed for high temperature combustion and tail-gas scrubbing. What other flag retirement alternatives are legal, safe, proper, and practical?

**The Historical Method:** The U.S. Flag Code, established through U.S. Federal Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 8(k), says "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The American Legion approved its Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags in 1937. At that time most American flags were made of cotton or wool, which burn cleanly.

**An Alternative Method:** Today the vast majority of American flags are made of nylon or other petroleum-based materials. The American Legion sells polyester and nylon flags, but their website says nothing about the hazards of burning such flags or how to retire them in any way other than burning. The Flag Code notes

burning as a preferred method but does not rule out other methods of retirement. Many organizations have adopted the convention that when the flag is separated into pieces that do not contain both stars and stripes these parts are no longer flags.

The manner of separation (cutting or ripping) is not specified in the code, nor are the number and shape of pieces specified. Many organizations have adopted cutting as the preferred method, keeping the field of stars intact, and dividing the stripes so that the pieces do not look like a flag with the field of stars cut out. This can be done with only two cuts, one to separate the set of six long stripes from the top and one to separate the field of stars from the seven short stripes.

The parts containing stars and the parts containing stripes may be disposed of (preferably separately) in a safe and dignified manner, such as burial (landfill or private) or chemical recycling. Chemical recycling of nylon or polyester requires collecting a large quantity (typically 5 tons) of same-composition textile to be shipped to a commercial-scale chemical depolymerization facility. One frequently-cited nylon flag recycling group requires that you ship the flags to Wisconsin and asks that you pay \$4 or more per flag. As of the end of 2012 the group had not yet collected five tons of nylon. Thus, burial (landfill or private) is the most practical route for dealing with the separated parts.

**Ceremony and Procedure:** As the flags are being collected they should be folded and pre-sorted into boxes for cotton, nylon, and polyester. A flag that is faded, but not torn, should be chosen to be the representative flag. The public retirement ceremony may be held honoring the representative flag, with the boxes of other flags nearby. The separation process may be described and demonstrated or not, as suits the organization and the occasion. After the ceremony a retirement team can separate each flag into three pieces and place the pieces in separate containers or opaque bags for fields and stripes. The fields



## Content Submission

- The Editor of *The Florida Patriot* actively seeks manuscripts and articles for publication. Suitable topics for *The Florida Patriot* are articles about the state and local Sons of the American Revolution Societies, their activities, and members. Articles should be approximately 100 to 500 words and photos should be included when possible. *The Florida Patriot* submissions will be printed in a timely manner. Chapter News submissions should be 150 to 200 words; single photo size should be at least 600x600 pixels. Other article submissions should be original (yours) material or submit other author's articles with publication releases accompanying the submission.

Articles sought for *The Florida Patriot* include narrative history, biography, historiography, historic preservation and related fields of study that deal with the time period and place of the American Revolution. The Editor reserves the right to submit all manuscripts for review by a committee prior to publication. No guarantee is given as to when an article will be published in *The Florida Patriot*.

The Florida Society assumes no responsibility for statements made or opinions of contributors. All submissions are requested by e-mail. The Society is not responsible for items sent through the mail. Please do not send original or irreplaceable materials or photographs.

The Editor reserves the right to make any editorial conformity of style. Authors grant the Florida Society onetime publication rights, both print and electronic versions. To submit content for future issues of *The Florida Patriot*, send your submission to the Editor via e-mail [swampfoxsar@gmail.com](mailto:swampfoxsar@gmail.com) (preferred) or to 1731 Woodside Ct., Kissimmee FL 34744.

**Submission deadlines are 60 days before the Spring BOM, 45 days before other BOM dates.**

and stripes should be sent to landfill on separate days or burial in separate holes.

**The Future:** The separate and burial procedure could become a new SAR Flag Retirement Procedure. It is safe, legal, practical, and respectful -- a procedure suitable for the thousands of local organizations that regularly retire U.S. flags. Many chapters of the following organizations accept flags for retirement: American Legion, VFW, Marine Corp League, Fire Department, Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop. Share this article with them to make them aware of this safe procedure for the new flag materials that are hazardous when burned.

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Boy Scout leader advice: [blog.scouting-magazine.org/2010/11/19/flag-retirement/](http://blog.scouting-magazine.org/2010/11/19/flag-retirement/)  
Common questions and answers about flag use: [www.ushistory.org/betsy/faq.htm](http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/faq.htm)  
Recycling organization: [www.american-flagdisposal.com](http://www.american-flagdisposal.com)

Submitted by Ralph Nelson, FLSSAR Historian



**THOMAS CREEK UPDATE**

Thomas Creek Revolutionary War Battle, May 17, 1777 (236 years ago)

During the Revolutionary War there were three engagements between the American Patriots and British Regulars and Tories north of Jacksonville (or Cow Ford as known then). Two of the three were a Skirmish with a real battle taking place at Thomas Creek on May 17, 1777 or 236 years ago. The Patriot army consisted of 109 Continental Army Troops plus Georgia Militia Forces planning on taking NE FL back from the British who had acquired it from the Spanish in 1763 in exchange for Cuba. The British forces numbered around 400 British Regulars, plus Tory Florida Rangers and Creek Indians. The Patriot forces were routed by a surprise attack with 8 killed, 9 wounded and 31 captured with 15 of those massacred by the Indians.

Jacksonville Chapter members the late Judge Barton Barrs and Congressman Charlie Bennett in his book identified this battle as the "The Southernmost Battlefield of the American Revolution". There is a DOT marker placed by the FLSC.A.R. on US 1 about one mile south of Callahan, FL identifying this battle.

After a year of negotiations, on September 11th of 2012 the Jacksonville City Council gave unanimous approval for the acquisition of this north Jacksonville property for a park on the 846 acres at a purchase price of \$7.1 million. \$ 5.3 million of the transaction funding has come from the U.S. Forestry Legacy program, \$1.5M from a City Fund set up 20 years ago from AES Funding for the Cities Environmental Programs, \$200K from the City Fund that will be reimbursed with timber sales off the property and \$100K from the Trust for Public Land.

There have been some snags in finally closing on this sale: land boundary questions that I understand have been resolved and currently that I have heard this week there is now a problem with mineral rights on the property which I hope this will be resolved soon.

Hopefully, the final funds for this preservation project will be settled in a few months and we can see another battlefield preserved and not like my ancestor's battlefield at Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton, NC which is in the middle of a school yard.

David Ramseur



**Remains of 8500 Revolutionary War Patriots - Prisoners of the British Buried in 20 Boxes in NYC**

<http://on.aol.com/video/what-remains-03---fort-greene-park-517542084> submitted by Roger Cox



*"I love agitation and investigation and glory in defending unpopular truth against popular error."*

- See page 27 for author's name.

# The Bill of Rights

## Exploring the history behind the Amendments

7th Amendment: During the states' ratification, the Anti-Federalists fomented hysteria by proclaiming that the Constitution would abolish trial by jury in civil cases in hopes that the states would not reify this document. Richard Lee and Patrick Henry (VA) both contributed to the on-

*The 7th Amendment - Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.*

slaught of misrepresentations. Repudiation of these false claims came by way of Alexander Hamilton in The Federalist no. 83. As America's Founding Fathers shared a perfect horror at the concept of arbitrary courts of justice, such as those "of [King] Philip in the Netherlands, in which life and property were daily confiscated without a jury, and which occasioned as much misery and a more rapid depopulation of the province",[3] they incorporated the right to trial by jury into the Bill of Rights, thereby restoring what soon-to-be United States Supreme Court Justice James Iredell described as that "noble palladium of liberty",[4] and protecting it from the reach of future legislators. In Joseph Story's 1833 treatise Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States, he wrote, "[I]t is a most important and valuable amendment; and places upon the high ground of constitutional right the inestimable privilege of a trial by jury in civil cases, a privilege scarcely inferior to that in criminal cases, which is conceded by all to be essential to political and civil liberty."

The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution affords criminal defendants seven discrete personal liberties: (1) the right to a Speedy Trial; (2) the right to a public trial; (3) the right to an impartial jury; (4) the right to be informed of pend-

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# HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By Ben DuBose

## ISACC SHELBY

11th December, 1750 - 18th July, 1826

Isacc Shelby is one of the few Revolutionary War heroes who also was a hero in the War of 1812. Born in Hagerstown, Maryland, he inherited his outstanding courage and perseverance from his Welsh ancestors. He became a surveyor in his teens and by age 21 he settled in Western Virginia and he received his Baptism of fighting at the Battle of Point Pleasant, known as the Battle of Kanawha during what has become known as Dunmore's War.

It occurred on the 10th of October, 1774 when American Indians under the Shawnee Chief Cornstalk attacked Virginia militia hoping to halt their advance into the Ohio Country. After a long and furious battle, Cornstalk retreated and young Isacc, along with his father Even Shelby, returned to their homes.

In July, 1776 he was appointed to command a company of minute-men by the Virginia committee of safety and soon advanced to the Continental Commissary Department.

The Battle of Point Pleasant, known as the Battle of Kanawha in some older accounts, was the only major battle of Dunmore's War. It was fought on October 10, 1774, primarily between



Virginia militia and American Indians from the Shawnee and Mingo tribes. Along the Ohio River near modern Point Pleasant, West Virginia, American Indians under the Shawnee Chief Cornstalk attacked Virginia militia under Andrew Lewis, hoping to halt Lewis's advance into the Ohio Country. After a long and furious battle, Cornstalk retreated. After the battle, the Virginians, along with a second

force led by Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia, marched into the Ohio Country and compelled Cornstalk to agree to a treaty, ending the war.

He was the first and fifth Governor of the U.S. state of Kentucky and served in the state legislatures of Virginia and North Carolina. While governor, he personally led the Kentucky militia in the Battle of the Thames, an action that was rewarded with a Congressional Gold Medal. Counties in nine states, and several cities and military bases, have been named in his honor. His fondness for John Dickinson's The Liberty Song is believed to be the reason Kentucky adopted the state motto "United we stand, divided we fall".

Sources : *Eminent Americans* by B.J. Lossing, also various internet sites.



## Are you eligible?

Do you have a Revolutionary Patriot in your family tree? Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot Ancestor. Over two hundred years ago, American Patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. As a member of SAR, through participation in the Society's various programs and activities, you can continue this legacy by actively supporting historic preservation, promotion of education, and patriotic endeavors. For membership information go to <http://www.flsar.org/Helper.htm>.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Florida at Ft Morris

### Aaron Snowden Chapter

Aaron Snowden Chapter was able to re-new all its 24 members for 2013, one of only 3 Chapters in the region to do so. This quarter 1 new member, Jerry Flannigan, has been added thru the hard work of Lonnie Jones. Picture below is of VP Ned France and Lonnie Jones doing the induction.



Chapter Vice President Ned France received permission to erect a flagpole in the local cemetery at the grave of Chapter namesake

Aaron Snowden in a recent dedication ceremony on 16 March.

The chapter is currently focused on doing some work with and for veterans. This quarter 8 hours has been devoted and spent in visiting Veterans homes. In one case, a veteran's family history has been recorded for their use.

The chapter is presently working hard to prepare for JROTC and Good Citizenship awards with the local schools for end of schools Awards day.

### Brevard Chapter

The Brevard Chapter hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremony of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Merritt Island Veterans Center. We were pleased to have several National Officers and representatives attending the celebration. Those attending were Lindsey Brock, Treasurer General; Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Chaplain General; Dr. Samuel Powell, SAR Foundation President; Michael Tomme, National Color Guard Commander and Registrar General; and Steve Pittard, VPG South Atlantic District.

Florida chapters sending members for the Color Guard included the Brevard, Caloosa, Clearwater, Withlacoochee, Lake-Sumter, and Jacksonville Chapters. The Indiana, North Carolina, and Georgia State Societies also had members marching in the Color Guard.

The event was once again well attended by JROTC units, US Coast Guard, VFW,

*Color Guard at the 234th Anniversary Celebration of the British Demand to Surrender Fort Morris – to which the Patriots defiantly replied, "Come and Take it". The British left went back to St. Augustine regrouped with a larger force and took it. Lindsey Brock and David Ramseur are 5th and 7th from left.*



the Navy League, CAR, the 6 Brevard DAR chapters, and the public which took advantage of the cool weather.

### Caloosa Chapter



"Dictionary of American-Indian Place and Proper Names in

New England" by R. A. Douglas-Lithgow was presented to the Lee County Library for its genealogical collection in memory of Compatriot Terry Walton. He served as President of the Caloosa Chapter and as Recording Secretary of the Florida Society of the SAR, and was active in other lineage societies. Participating in the presentation January 18 are (L-R): Lee Matson, President, Caloosa Chapter SAR; Carolyn Ford Genealogy Library Volunteer; Brian Mulcahy Genealogy Librarian; and Randy Moody, Chaplain General SAR.

### Central Florida Chapter

Over the past months, the Central Florida SAR chapter has been busy presenting medals and certificates from the Public Service Committee, which is headed up by Compatriot Dan Dall. This committee has found this year's recipients from the three Counties that make up the Central Florida area.

The recipients of the 2013 SAR Medal of Heroism are: Officer Carlos Devila (Sanford Police Dept.), Sgt. Ronnie Greg-

ory (Lake Mary Police Dept.), DFC Daniel Shapiro (Orange County Sheriff's Office-OCSO), and DFC Hector Lopez (OCSO). While this year's recipients of the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal are: DFC Ed Kelly (OCSO), and Deputy Jeffrey Clark (Osceola County Sheriff's Office). The recipients of the 2013 SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal are: Inspector Kevin Flanagan (Orange County Fire Dept.), and Lt. David Hollenbach (Orange County Fire Dept.)

At the March meeting, we also installed a new junior member into our chapter and presented another member his supplemental certificate. At the present time, we are planning for the upcoming Patriot's Dinner that will be held on April 20th and lining up volunteers to present the JROTC members to various recipients in the four county areas.

### Clearwater Chapter

Compatriots Dan Hooper and Jim Gibson made the Flag Certificate presentation on December 7<sup>th</sup> to John J. Piazza, Sr., the Commandant of Marine Corps League Detachment 54.



Representing our chapter, Robert Ball and John Sagert, presented the Good Citizenship Award to PO2 Victoria Schatz in January. Victoria Schatz enrolled in the Sea Cadet Corps in Aug. of 2010 and has completed several Advanced Trainings. This award is given to one who exhibits qualities in Depend-



ability, Leadership, Patriotism, and Good Character. She was given the SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal and Ribbon with a Certificate of Recognition.



Eagle Scout Andrew James Case of Troop 26 in Palm Harbor was recently recognized as the 2012 Eagle Scout

scholarship contest winner for the Clearwater Chapter, for which he received \$100. He placed third at the state level of the Eagle Scout scholarship contest. Andrew's winning scholarship entry included an essay, titled "The Battle of Camden," in which Andrew's ancestor, Michael Abraham Awalt, Sr., a private in the Rowan County, North Carolina militia, participated.

### Flagler Chapter

The Flagler Chapter has the following as officers for 2013:

- President Ron Stark/386-569-5290  
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### Gainesville Chapter

Our September Dinner Meeting speaker was Assistant U. S. Attorney Gregory P. McMahon, member of the Northern District of Florida Judicial District and a member of the UF Law School faculty was the Constitution Week speaker during the regular monthly meeting at Brown's Country Buffet on September 18. Mr. McMahon spoke on "The US Constitution, a view from the trenches". He talked of his experiences in dealing with



L to R: Marlon Pacitti, Domenic Pacitti, George McCabe Jr.

constitutional issues as a U. S. Attorney and a representative of the Department of Justice in the Northern District of

Florida.

In September, the Gainesville Chapter

donated \$1,000 to the Fisher House Foundation for the construction of a Facility in Gainesville.

President Roger Cox, past presidents Bob Reeves and Ray Davis, of the Gainesville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution concluded a Veteran's Day Program series in three area elementary schools. There were 18 separate 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes attending. The final class was at the High Springs Community School, where the teacher had the class very well prepared to receive patriotic programs such as we presented. The presentations included the origin, history, highlights and celebrations of 11-11-11 and how the students could demonstrate their thanks and respect to veterans and our flag. This was a great positive experience and a pleasure to see that our youth are aware of our patriotic heritage.

In December, we participated in the Wreaths Across America on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. This was a new "high" as Walmart donated 300 Wreaths to the cause!

Our January Dinner meeting "speaker" was a banjo player who talked about the "5 String Banjo History" and gave demonstrations of various picking techniques and many delightful songs. And in February, we had our installation of officers by NC Regional VP Scott Bushnell who also gave a very interesting speech on the "Signers of the Declaration of Independence."

Our March 19 meeting will be the story of "Cuba: A Study in Contrast" by William A. Messina.

### Jacksonville

In January, Lindsey Brock III described the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War using props to illustrate the complex movements of the ships. The February program continued the Revolutionary era activities in the south with a presentation about Cumberland Island which is offshore of Florida and Georgia and was the home of Katie Greene, wife of Gen. Nathaniel Green and the initial gravesite of "Lighthorse" Harry Lee. David Hager, the chapter's winner of the Eagle Scout essay contest is the winner of both the FLSSAR and NSSAR contests.



The annual flag retirement ceremony on January 26<sup>th</sup> and held in conjunction with the C.A.R. produced many flags for proper retirement and featured Pat-

rick Henry (Barry Collins) giving his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.

### Lake-Sumter Chapter

The Chapter participated in 3 parades: the annual Christmas parade in Tavares, GeorgeFest in Eustis, and a new one for our chapter - the Town of Astatula Christmas parade.



The Colors were presented on 1-5-2013, the first meeting of the new year, per our

chapters tradition.

President Scott Bushnell gave a talk to the Tomoka Chapter of the DAR on January 4, 2013. His topic was "The Signers of the Declaration of Independence."

Andrew Hlubny received a medallion and a check from President Scott Bushnell for winning the chapter award of the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Andrew is an Eagle Scout from Troop 254, chartered to the city of Howey-in-the-Hills.

Attendance through March is up 13% for the year 2013.

The Lake-Sumter Chapter was represented in the color guard at the Commemoration of the 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution by Ralph Nelson and Frank Nolte.

Our Chapter made a donation to Leesburg Public Library to purchase a Scan Pro 2000 Digital Scanning Station. The Scan Pro 2000 has already become very popular with the genealogy and local history patrons!

The Lake-Sumter Chapter SAR currently has 76 members for 2013, two are Memorial Members.

At our January and February meetings President Scott Bushnell inducted Jim Cuddeback, Tom Ross III, and David Eben Bussone.

President Scott Bushnell presented Lake-Sumter Secretary George Chaffee with a Certificate of Distinguished Service for his outstanding work since taking over as the Secretary of the Chapter.

Bill Piper gave a Flag Talk to 20-25 people in the Villages. The group donated \$50 to our Chapter.

Ralph Nelson reported there are 4 applications to be signed and 17 Prospects/76ers.

**Miami Chapter**

On February 23, 2013, members of the Miami Chapter donated ten (10) American Flags, flag staffs and wall mounts to ten families as they took possession of new homes provided by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami and Baptist Health, South Florida.



The occasion of the event was the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blitz Build Home Dedication Ceremony of Greater Miami. Seven new homes will be dedicated in the next several weeks and additional flags will be presented to those new owners as well. Displaying the Flag are

Compatriots Richard Friberg and Douglas Bridges (L-R) of the Miami Chapter, SAR. Also shown is the new owner, Willie Mae Stafford who stated "My life will change so much when I move into my new home. I will be able to personalize it and take care of my new home. It is wonderful." and Mr. Mario Artecona, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami.

The Thomas Paine Color Guard brought in the colors at the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the John McDonald DAR Chapter, Miami, Fl. Presenting colors were Compatriots Richard Friberg, David Mitchell and Douglas Bridges of the Miami Chapter. Greetings were brought by Compatriot Mitchell who is the State President of the SR and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Miami Chapter. Compatriot Bridges, President of the Miami Chapter, brought greetings from his Chapter. Miss Nemina Villar accompanied by her mother Mrs. M. Villar received a scroll awarded her by the John McDonald DAR Chapter honoring her for her winning essay. Miss Villar is home schooled.

**Naples Chapter**

The Naples Chapter held its annual FLSSAR JROTC Recognition and Awards luncheon meeting on February 7, at the Country Club of Naples.

President Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., MD, and the Honorable James M. McGarity, III welcomed Cadets and their Senior Instructors from each of the 7 Collier County Public High Schools. The purpose of this meeting was to recognize and honor the top Cadet in their unit from each school. The following Cadets were called up and received their Bronze JROTC medals: Cadet Maricela Aguirre, Golden Gate HS; Cadet Brooke Bragenzer, Lely HS; Cadet John Tyler Rupert, Gulf Coast HS; Cadet Mackenzie Meservey, Naples HS; Cadet Lawton Wilson, Barron Collier HS; Cadet Dave Rouzard, Immokalee HS and Cadet Joshua Aybar, Palmetto Ridge HS.



Pictured left to right: SFC Washington, Cadet Aybar, LTC Mitchell, Cadet Meservey, MAJ Gonzalez, Cadet Wilson, Cadet Aguirre, LTC Garrah, L. G. Fehrenbaker, Cadet Rupert, CW4 Harp, and Cadet Bragenzer. Not pictured: LTC Hallock, Cadet Rouzard and LTC Hine.

The awarding of the medals was the first part of a 2 part program. The second part was participation in the JROTC Enhanced program. Each participating Cadet read their essay to the membership. At the conclusion of the presentations a winner was selected. This winner will be the Naples Chapter representative at the Florida statewide competition.

Before the winner was announced, LTC Paul Garrah from Golden Gate High School thanked Naples

Chapter for sponsoring this annual program. President Fehrenbaker announced the winner of the 2013 Naples Chapter JROTC essay contest was Cadet Lawton Wilson from Barron Collier High School. Cadet Wilson will be a formidable competitor in the 32 chapter statewide JROTC competition.

**Palm Beach Chapter**



The Palm Beach Chapter celebrated their 75th Anniversary at their meeting on 19 March with a special cake and group picture of attending members. The chapter was formed and chartered on 19 March 1938 at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach with 19 original members. The chapter has met on the third Tuesday of each month from October through May continuously for 75 years.

Chapter President Raymond F. Wess read and later displayed to the attending membership a Proclamation issued by Florida State President Phillip Herbert Tarpley declaring 19 March 2013 as Palm Beach Chapter Day in the Society.



In attendance were 35 members plus the widows of two of our recently departed brothers.

**Pensacola Chapter**

The Pensacola Chapter recently held its annual First Responder Awards ceremony in conjunction with the March meeting.

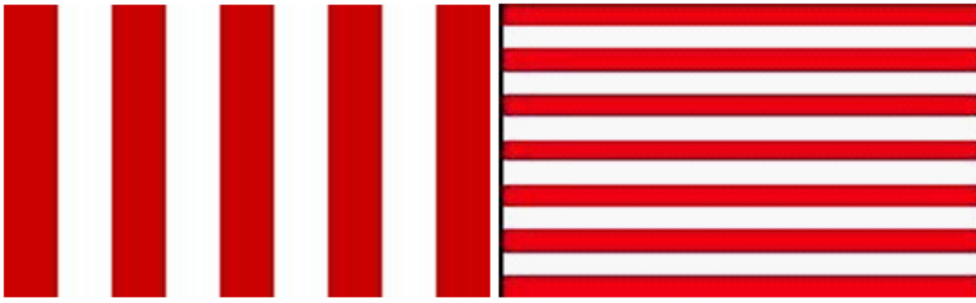
Paramedic Adam Szwec, Escambia County EMS was awarded the EMS Commendation Medal; Lieutenant Jarod Gruber, Pensacola Fire Department was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Medal; Firefighter Baylen Payne, Escambia County Fire Rescue was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Medal; Lieutenant Kerner Kafka, Bellview Volunteer Fire Department was awarded the



Fire Safety Commendation Medal; Officer Patrick Burns, Pensacola Police Department was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal; and Deputy Delarian Wiggins, Escambia County Sheriff's Office was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

President Robert Canavello presents the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Officer Patrick Burns of the Pensacola Police Department

A somber note during the meeting was the presentation of a Resolution of Regret and Respect on the recent passing of Compatriot Edward Young.



# HISTORY OF COLONIAL FLAGS

## STAMP ACT FLAG / SONS OF LIBERTY FLAG / REBELLIOUS STRIPES FLAG

The history of the “Stamp Act Flag” began shortly after the Stamp Act Congress met in New York City’s Federal Hall during October 1765. There were only 9 stripes because each represents a colony that attended that Congress. They were: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. The four colonies that were not represented were: Georgia, New Hampshire, North Carolina & Virginia.

It was used in various protest movements right up to the Boston Tea Party in 1773. After one protest, held under an Elm tree in Boston, the tree became known as the “Liberty Tree,” and a protest group known as the Sons of Liberty was formed. The Sons of Liberty continued to meet under this tree, so the British cut the

By Ben DuBose

tree down, and the Sons replaced it with a Liberty pole. This flag then became known as the “Rebellious Stripes Flag.”

Soon after that the 9 colonies wanting separation grew to 13 and so had the stripes on this flag.

This is the flag many have mistaken for the “COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS “DON’T TRED ON ME” design. This was this flag that went on to become the “ENSIGN” for our Merchant and Naval ships. The only written description of the Continental Navy Jack contemporary with the American Revolution appears in Commodore Hopkins’s “Signals for the American Fleet,” January 1776, where it is described as “the strip’d jack.” No document says that the jack had a rattle-

snake or motto on it.

As a point of information, the ONLY official military flag in the U.S. with vertical stripes is that of the U.S. Coast Guard.



*History of The United States Flags by Quaipe, Flags of American History by Crouthers.*

*Flags of America, by Hooper*

*Plus various other references, including talks and newspaper articles by the author in the 1980s were used for this article.*

## Bill of Rights - Continued from page 6

ing charges; (5) the right to confront and to cross-examine adverse witnesses; (6) the right to compel favorable witnesses to testify at trial through the subpoena power of the judiciary; and (7) the right to legal counsel. Ratified in 1791, the Sixth Amendment originally applied only to criminal actions brought by the federal government.

*The 6th Amendment - In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.*

Over the past century, all of the protections guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment have been made applicable to the state governments through the doctrine of selective incorporation. Under this doctrine, the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment require each state to recognize certain fundamental liberties that are enumerated in the Bill of Rights because such liberties are deemed essential to the concepts of freedom and equality. Together with the Supremacy Clause of Article VI, the Fourteenth Amendment prohibits any state from providing less protection for a right conferred by the Sixth Amendment than is provided under the federal Constitution.



# Spring BOM

# Register NOW !

All Florida members are encouraged to attend.

See page 33 for Registration Form

## Chapters - From page 10

The Chapter also recently awarded Certificates of Recognition to Christopher Kevan and Samuel Skinner on their attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Efforts are continuing to obtain funds to place the Minuteman statue in the Pensacola Veteran's Memorial Park as a remembrance of America's first veterans. The statue has already been acquired and is from the same mold as the one in Concord. We have applied for several grants. Should anyone know of a possible grant or other potential funding source for this project, please contact our Chapter President or any one of the other officers in our Chapter.

### St. Augustine Chapter

#### EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

Eagle Scout Domenic Pacitti was recently recognized as the winner of the local Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition by the St. Augustine Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was presented with a Bronze Eagle Scout Medal.

This unique award recognizes those who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout and thereby demonstrate their belief in the same principles of Patriotism and American Heritage as the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Pacitti was presented the SAR Eagle Scout Medal by George McCabe, Jr., Eagle Scout Chairman for the St. Augustine Chapter. Also attending the presentation was Pacitti's mother, Mrs. Marohn Pacitti.

### St. Lucie River Chapter



On January 26, 2013 the St. Lucie River Chapter participated in the first Habitat for Humanity Flag Presentation of this year and our fifth overall. A flag, U.S. Constitution, and a SAR Flag presentation book were given to Arica Barrious-Espinosa

and her two daughters Katia 12 and Celeste 9 by Compatriot Joe Leinbach, Habitat Chair, and Oscar Kraehenbuehl dressed in full colonial uniform. This is a really worthwhile program and if your Chapter haven't done one yet please give it a try.



Also, Compatriots Hall Riediger and Oscar Kraehenbuehl participated in the Project Citizen acting as judges on student projects. This is another great program teaching students how to deal with community projects and government agencies.

### Tampa Chapter

The Tampa Chapter met this past Saturday, February 16, 2013, to celebrate President George Washington's birthday and to recognize many of the achievements of the first President of the United States of America. The Tampa Chapter meets every third Saturday at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, located on North Dale Mabry, in Tampa, Florida.

Our SAR President John E. Skillman, was the presenter and did an outstanding presentation on the life and history of President Washington. President Skillman is a known and respected authority on President Washington, and all 41 in attendance at

this regular scheduled meeting agreed he examined President Washington's life closely and delivered a presentation with everyone learning an area not known before in their own studies.



The Sons of the American Revolution invites those who are visiting the Tampa area to meet with us if you are visiting. And for those living here, if you have the evidence of being a descendant of one from the Revolutionary War period, to come forth and fill out the needed documentation to be considered for membership.

Thank you for your serious consideration in using this in your form of media, and would welcome you attending with your cameras, to record the importance and the vast heritage that is in attendance at each of our meetings.

For further information, please contact the Publicity Chair, Bill Floyd, at (813) 977-1585 [BFloydPres@aol.com](mailto:BFloydPres@aol.com)

### Withlacoochee Chapter

February 12, 2013, we conducted a Memorial Book Dedication honoring Compatriot William Neal Colbath.



We gathered at the Laurel City Library, Citrus County, to dedicate the book "Why America is Free: A History of the Founding of the American Republic" by Kenneth Earl Hamburger and read a Memorial Resolution.

Compatriot Jack Townsend, who purchased the book, was on hand to explain a little about the book. It was a very enjoyable outing for Mrs. Colbath and all in attendance.

Our February Chapter Meeting: Nathan Lovestrand was our Chapter Winner of the 1012 Knight Essay Contest. This is the first year our Chapter has participated in this SAR competition. Our Chapter Auxiliary President, Vicki Lewandowski, presented Nathan with a Certificate and \$50.00 check. Nathan's essay has been entered at the state level

Eagle Nathan Lovestrand was also our Chapter 2012 Eagle Contest winner and received a \$250.00 check from 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ed Gingrich. He is the son of Robert and Shannon Lovestrand of Floral City. Nathan was also 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State competition level receiving the FL Ladies Auxiliary Recognition Certificate and a \$200.00 Check was from Auxiliary Registrar, Dot Day and a \$500.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Place check from the Florida Society presented by State Eagle Chairman Charlie Day (Withlacoochee Chapter President).

Another highlight at the meeting was Past President William Teater receiving the Bronze Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal from Treasurer, Jack Townsend. Jack did an outstanding job covering the many non-SAR activities that Bill has taken part in and his shared leadership skills over the years. "Well deserved Bill".

*"Presidents have long since learned that one of the undisclosed articles in the Bill of Rights is that criticism and digging of political graves are reserved exclusively to members of the legislative arm."*

- See page 27 for author's name.



Submitted by Phillip Tarpley

### *An Early American History Lesson on this day, Jan 17, 1781*

Florida Society members Treasurer General Lindsey Brock, National Trustee David Ramseur and our wives joined me for the Friday January 18, 2013 South Atlantic District meeting.

On Saturday morning, we attended as members of the NSSAR Color Guard in Wreath Laying Ceremonies for the 232nd Anniversary of Battle of Cowpens. The event for a nice change experienced a warm sunny day compliments of the FLSSAR. The large number of Color Guard members 4 abreast made a great impression as they marched in with the sound of boots stomping on concrete in unison. PG Leishman addressed the large crowd of visitors to begin the Ceremony.

Afterward I walked around the battlefield area.

I watched as the British Soldiers made shelters from tree branches and hay layered around the interior wall to protect from the cold wind.



I caught a glimpse of some British Soldiers riding horses roaming in the woods near the battlefield. I went over to see what they were up to and discovered they were re-enactors of British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton with his Soldiers and Loyalist Militiamen. Here the Colonel is giving the plan of

attack orders to his officers.

Hearing musket and cannon fire nearby, I being nosy went to see and on the way I walked through the encampment of colonial civilian makeshift and military tents witnessing how they cooked and lived temporarily in the area of a Revolutionary War battlefield. I tasted the food the cook was preparing. I decided he was a poor cook, but when hungry, soldiers eat what is available as supplies were scarce where the British arrived first and raided the farms.

### *The Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina*

Relying upon strategic creativity, Brigadier General Daniel Morgan and a mixed Patriot force routed British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton and a group of Redcoats and Loyalists at the Battle of Cowpens on this day in 1781

Commander in chief of the Southern Army, Major General Nathaniel Greene had decided to divide Patriot forces in the Carolinas in order to force the larger British contingent under General Charles Cornwallis to fight them on multiple fronts—and because smaller groups of men were easier for the beleaguered Patriots to feed. Daniel Morgan took 300 Continental riflemen and 740 militiamen with the intention of attacking the British backcountry fort, Ninety-Six.

In response, Cornwallis dispatched Tarleton with 1,100 Redcoats and Loyalists to catch Morgan, whom he feared might instigate a broad-based backcountry Patriot uprising. Morgan prepared for the encounter with Tarleton by backing his men up to a river at Cowpens, north of Ninety-Six.

As Tarleton's men attacked, Morgan instructed the militia to skirmish with them, but to leave the front line after firing two rounds. The British mistook the repositioning of the Americans as a rout and ran into an unexpected volley of concentrated rifle fire coupled with a cavalry charge and followed by the return of the militia. Tarleton escaped, but Morgan's troops decimated his army.



American rifles, scorned by Britain's professional soldiers, proved devastatingly effective in this engagement. The British lost 110 men and more than 200 more were wounded, while an

additional 500 were captured. The American losses totaled only 12 killed and 60 wounded in the first Patriot victory to demonstrate that the American forces could outfight a similar British force without any other factors—such as surprise or geography—to assist them.

\*This History lesson provided to me by SAR Jack Manning.

*"A Radical is a man with both feet firmly planted - in the air. A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who, however, has never learned to walk forward. A reactionary is a somnambulist walking backwards. A liberal is a man who uses his legs and his hands at the behest of his head."*

- See page 27 for author's name.

President - From page 4

there is a Senate Amendment protecting the right to keep and bear arms.

According to that amendment, the government cannot collect "any information relating to the lawful ownership or possession of a firearm or ammunition." This means that the government CANNOT mandate firearm registration. No registration, no confiscation but they will keep trying.

According to reports that amendment says the government cannot use doctors to collect "any information relating to the lawful ownership or possession of a firearm or ammunition.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), says he personally added the provision in order to keep the NRA from getting involved in the legislative fight. Why has Homeland Security purchased 6 billion rounds of small arms ammunition? Why has HLS purchased 2700 small tanks (Swat type) for use in the U.S. along with several hundred drones for use in our country. I hope you will share this information.

A new Press Release I discovered: employees of The Supreme Court of the United States caught withholding legal documents from Supreme Court Justices. I hope you will research this. It is disturbing that clerks decide what documents are provided to the Justices.

A PETITION FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION IN THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Evidence of employees of the Supreme Court of the United States hiding from Justices of the Supreme Court Pledging and Documents Submitted by Plaintiffs and Attorneys, removing cases from the Electronic Docket, Evidence of Bogus Conferences of JUSTICES being reported to the public, when no such conferences took place and the Justices being clueless about the very existences of the case.

Evidence of criminal complicity of the employees of the Supreme Court and Treason in the most serious cases I read the report of a docket entry showing Justice Clarence Thomas denying an application for STAY was made retroactively on a weekend when Justice Thomas was thousands of miles away giving a seminar in Utah. When an attorney demanded to see an actual signature by Justice Thomas

on the order to deny stay or on the cover page of the application, she was referred to Eric Fossum, the same employee, who signed the denial letter in the case, who admitted to her on the phone that there is no signature of Justice Thomas either on the order or on the cover page of the petition. As such, there is no proof Justice Thomas ever saw the petition or ever read a word written in the petition. When citizens went to the Supreme Court and requested copies of the pleadings in aforementioned cases, they were told that there are no such documents available. So what about an Independent Supreme Court?

*Phillip H. Tarpley.*  
President

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### Florida Board of Management ?

What is this Board of Management (BOM) and why do you need to know about it? Each SAR state society has some sort of management structure that runs that society. It can be named just about anything. Florida has as a governing body, a Board of Management, which consists of the elected officers, past state presidents, Patriot Medal holders, Florida Society's committee chairs, and Chapter representatives which are based on the number of members in each chapter. Each chapter has, as voting BOM members, their President, Immediate Past President, and 1 voter for each 40 chapter members after the first 40. If the chapter president/past president are eligible voters because of other qualifications, then the chapter can assign other chapter members to take their place.

**Now, why is this important to you and why should you need to hear about the BOM meetings?** The Florida Society will be holding a Spring BOM and Annual Meeting this May and 3 BOM meetings in the coming year - starting in September, then in January 2014, and then next May 2014.

1. The BOM is the governing body of the state society that determines what, how, and why we do things. Too frequently members ask 'Why is Florida doing X?' Most often this arises because the information printed in The Florida Patriot on the BOM meetings is glossed

over because it is likely to be boring reading. Attending the meetings, while they are just like other organizational business meetings and cover many topics that aren't of interest to everyone all of the time, they do present information on subjects that do impact on what your chapter can or should be engaged in, e.g., Chapter Officer training, Youth, Veteran, or Patriotic activities.

2. Plus, at the regular BOM meetings, you can attend workshops or sessions on these activities and others when they are presented. Next year's session schedule will be including a Genealogy session at every BOM meeting. Too frequently chapters state that their members who are moving into chapter leadership positions don't have the training to do the jobs whether it's the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Chaplain, or other position. The place to get that training and knowledge is at the BOM meetings. At each Annual Meeting held concurrently with the Spring BOM meeting, every Florida member can attend the Annual Meeting and vote on any action brought before the body such as Bylaw changes, new Florida Officer elections, etc.

So the next time that The Florida Patriot is delivered to you by electronic link or hard copy PLEASE consider attending the BOM meeting and help determine the direction of our state society and attend the side sessions to learn.

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### Announcement Regarding the Various Newsletter Contests:

During the month of April, the FLSSAR Newsletter & Periodical Committee will be finalizing their judging of the Florida Society Chapter Newsletters. For your chapter to be considered, it is imperative that your chapter newsletters are accessible from the FLSSAR website and that the newsletters listed on the FLSSAR website are current. This contest is based on newsletters that were published from July 2012 to April 2013.

For your chapter newsletter to be considered for the NSSAR Newsletter Contest, your chapter will need to submit your newsletter to the following point of contact and address:

Steve Pittard, Chairman  
NSSAR Newsletter Committee  
414 Wilder Drive,  
Fayetteville, NC 28314

# LAST NAVAL BATTLE MEDAL SETS

Order NOW!



The Brevard Chapter and the Last Naval Battle committee are selling official LNB - National Society SAR - Medal sets (large & small in presentation case) for \$25. See above for Medal set.

We are taking orders for custom made ALLIANCE/JOHN BARRY FLAGS @ \$60 each plus postage. They were made by Annin Flags (Made in America!!) - nylon - indoor/outdoor - 3' x 5'

For Medal and Flag orders contact Ben DuBose at 321-952-2928 / [bdubosefl@gmail.com](mailto:bdubosefl@gmail.com)



## REVOLUTIONARY WAR TIMELINE

1776

3-MAR  
17-MAR

THE CONTINENTAL FLEET CAPTURES NEW PROVIDENCE ISLAND IN THE BAHAMAS  
THE BRITISH EVACUATE BOSTON; BRITISH NAVY MOVES TO HALIFAX, CANADA

1777

JAN. 6-MAY 28  
APR. 27

WASHINGTON WINTERS IN MORRISTOWN, NJ  
BENEDICT ARNOLD'S TROOPS FORCE A BRITISH RETREAT AT RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT.

1778

7-MAR

BRITISH GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE REPLACED BY HENRY CLINTON

1779

3-MAR

AT BRIER CREEK, GA

BRITISH LT. COL. JACQUES MARCUS PREVOST DEFEATS AMERICANS UNDER GEN. JOHN ASHE

1781

2-MAR  
15-MAR  
25-APR

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION ADOPTED  
BRITISH WIN COSTLY VICTORY AT GUILFORD COURTHOUSE, NC  
GREENE DEFEATED AT HOBKIRK'S HILL, SC

1782

20-MAR

LORD NORTH RESIGNS AS BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

1783

10-MAR

BRITISH SHIP, SYBIL.

19-APR

NAVAL BATTLE OFF COAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL FLORIDA BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE AND THE  
CONGRESS RATIFIES PRELIMINARY PEACE TREATY

# Winter BOM Minutes

January 11-12, 2013



President Phil Tarpley opened the meeting at 3:04pm. Chaplain General Dr. Randy Moody gave the Invocation. Secretary Steve Williams certified a quorum of members. There were two changes to the Fall 2012 BOM Minutes. Reference EC RVP report, change name from Oscar Patterson to Jeff Sizemore. Change next to last paragraph of the minutes to read ETF Reimbursement chairman Vic McMurry in lieu of SVP Duay. The minutes were approved as amended.

Secretary Williams reiterated that dues received after December 31st, require those members to be reinstated.

Treasurer Hall Riediger made a budget recommendation that the FLSSAR President's expenses be increased from \$2,400 to \$3,600 annually. A motion was made by SW RVP Vic McMurry, seconded and approved.

Motion was made by RVP McMurry to transfer \$1.00 per each Florida Society member to the ETF Principal with the membership total TBD. Motion was seconded and approved.

Secretary Williams again reminds all members that significant savings could be made in printing and postage if more would elect to receive *The Florida Patriot* magazine electronically.

President Tarpley asked the four first-time visitors at this meeting, to please stand and introduce themselves. They were heartily welcomed.

President Tarpley led a discussion regarding the Society's website regarding establishing a second website so as to separate private, i.e. members-only information, and general information for the public. No action was taken at this time.

President Tarpley expressed his great concern over the membership losses throughout the Society each year. He had previously explained his plan to the Executive Committee and now wished to proceed with sending a survey to those "drop-outs," asking they indicate their reason(s) for not renewing their membership.

Motion was made to change the name of the Chapter Challenge Committee to the Chapter Challenge and Americanism Committee. It was seconded and passed.

Motion was made to submit Florida Society's support for awarding medals and/or awards, at chapter and state level, to South Atlantic District for their approval and forwarding to National Awards committee for approval. It was seconded and passed.

Chairman Ray Wess reported that the Nominating Committee spent long and diligent time preparing a list of nominees for the 24 positions in the Florida Society, to be voted upon at the annual meeting. The committee also devised and sent to all Florida chapters a Procedures packet for nominating or re-nominating for a position. The list of nominees were read aloud. Additional nominations may be made at the annual meeting.

Chairman Frank Hodalski reported that there were several excellent nominees for the annual award of the Patriot Medal and that there will be three medals awarded.

SVP Duay recommended that the Society allocate \$200 annually to NSSAR Library. This item may be included in next

year's budget.

Recording Secretary Bill Fuller requested that his nomination for 2013-2014 be withdrawn due to continuing medical problems. He preferred his action as "retirement" in lieu of "resignation."

Charter and Bylaws Chairman Duay handed out updated (recommended) minor changes to the Bylaws, to be voted upon at the annual meeting.

President Tarpley declared a RECESS at 4:30 pm and reconvened Saturday morning at 9:01 am.

Members present approved the nomination of Dr. Randy Moody for VP General, South Atlantic District. Pres. Tarpley reported that Recording Secretary Bill Fuller had requested to retire. The Nominating Committee was then asked to complete their list of nominees by adding Ray Wess as the nominee for Recording Secretary and Joe Hill as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Copies of the Standing Rules and Procedures Manual were distributed to the members present. Several minor changes were suggested. Charter and Bylaws Committee Chairman Duay stated that this manual is a guide, not etched in stone. He made a motion that the Standard Rules and Procedures Manual may be amended or suspended by a simple majority at any meeting at the pleasure of the BOM, with no pre-notification to the members required. It was seconded and passed. Motion to approve the Standing Rules and Procedures Manual, as amended, was subsequently passed.

President Tarpley awarded the Outstanding Service medal to Compatriots Steve Williams and Frank Hodalski, to the enjoyment and applause of all.

SVP Duay made a motion to authorize Secretary Williams to communicate with the Florida membership subscription service for FLATalk and OPT OUT. Motion seconded and passed.

A motion was made to express appreciation to Co-Chairmen Vic McMurry and Danny Hooper for the extraordinary work they performed in upgrading the Standard Rules and Procedures Manual. Motion was seconded and passed, followed by a great round of applause.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

*Respectfully submitted: Bill Fuller, Recording Sec'y*

**Spring BOM will be held on May 3-5, 2013**





# Florida Society Veterans Recognition

## FLSSAR World War II Veterans Corps E-Book Remembrance

Compatriot Lawrence Eugene Hurley, Charlotte Chapter President, is a World War II Veteran. He was the 90th FLSSAR member to request membership into the World War II Veterans Corps. He



was processed for a Certificate of Patriotism on 23 April 2012. His record of experiences during that war includes the depicted significant event below.

This paper says that Lawrence Eugene Hurley is being shipped overseas on a tanker named SS Manhattan. That surface vessel is carrying 100,000

gallons of High Octane Gasoline, without an escort!

Send out "Das Boots!"

## Medals, Awards, and Certificates. OH My! Or Yes, We have no listing (of them)

Compatriots -

The state database does have a list of some of the medals, awards, and certificates that some of our Florida Compatriots have received. We wish to have as complete a record of these SAR medals, awards, and certificates that have been presented to you by your chapter, the Florida Society, and/or National Society.

Some medals and awards must be presented in sequence, such as the Color Guard medals: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. With some you might have received an Oak Leaf cluster signifying that you have received this honor more than once, e.g., the Liberty Medal.

What can you do to ensure that your honors will properly be recognized and remembered? Submit your information to your chapter and request that they send this information to the state secretary for inclusion into the state database.



# Genealogy Research

## Genealogy "Checksums"

By Fuller Jones, Brevard Chapter Genealogist

As a genealogist, over the years I have come to realize that things are not always as they seem. Whether it is an intentional effort to deceive, a simple mistake, a guess, or the census enumerator's phonetic spelling, mistakes are often made with recorded names, dates, and/or places. Phonetic mistakes in spelling are rather easy to determine, but mistakes in dates and age records are not. What is important is that you develop and use some simple checks to ensure that there is a bit of logic in the data that you record, whether it is for your own research on your family or for someone else.

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For the 'Rest of the Story' go to the **History & Genealogy** e-Book at <http://flssar.org/Docs/HistGen-web.pdf>

## THIS DAY IN AMERICAN PATRIOTIC HISTORY DECEMBER 28

ON DECEMBER 28, 1945, Congress made the Pledge of Allegiance the official national pledge to the U.S. Flag. Noted clergyman Henry Ward Beecher (1813-87) reminded us what our flag means:

*"If one asks the meaning of our flag, I say it means just what Concord and Lexington meant, what Bunker Hill meant. It means the whole glorious Revolutionary War. It means all that the Declaration of Independence meant.*

*It means all that the Constitution of our people, organizing for justice, for liberty, and for happiness, meant.*

*Under this banner rode Washington and his armies . . . It waved on the highlands at West Point . . . This banner streamed in light over the soldiers' heads at Valley Forge . . . It crossed the waters rolling with ice at Trenton. . . .*

*Our flag carries American ideas, American History, and American feelings.*

*Beginning with the colonies, and coming down to our time, in its sacred heraldry, in its glorious insignia it has gathered and stored chiefly this supreme idea: Divine right of liberty in man. Every color means liberty.*

*Every thread means liberty. Every form of star and beam or stripe of light means liberty. Not lawlessness, not license, but organized, institutional liberty- liberty through law, and laws for liberty.*

*This American flag was the safeguard of liberty. Not an atom of crown was allowed to go into its insignia. Not a symbol of authority in the ruler was permitted to go into it. It was an ordinance of liberty by the people, for the people. That it meant, that it means, and, by the blessing of God, that it shall mean to the end of time."*

Source: The American Patriot's Almanac, by William J. Bennett and John T. E. Cribb



## NATIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

### The State Challenge Campaign

The State Challenge Campaign will recognize SAR State Societies who have reached the level of having 20% of their members donate to the SAR Foundation at an average level of \$250 per society member. Those state societies that qualify will have their names imprinted on a plaque hung in the new headquarters building.

Nine State Societies have now qualified for inclusion on the recognition plaque by having met both the 20% level of giving and the \$250 per member.

Massachusetts has met the \$250 per member level of giving and needs only to add another 10 donors to qualify at the 20% level.

An additional 22 state societies have reached the 20% level of giving: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, *Florida*, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, International, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

For the National Society as a whole, we have now achieved a 21% level of giving for our entire membership at an average \$240 per society member. Congratulations for all involved. We are very close to reaching our goal. Let's make it happen.

Remember, your contribution will be doubled by the match until the matching funds are exhausted.

### Phase 2 Construction has begun

To view the online videos of the construction, go to <https://www.sar.org/News/Construction-has-started-Phase-II-our-Headquarters-building-NEW-VIDEO>. The videos are updated approximately every month. Enjoy the videos showing the construction as it progresses over the next 18 months. More to come. Stay tuned and watch the progress! Have you donated?

### See Your Donation Dollars At Work

Go to <http://www.SARFoundation.org> and click on the "News Tab." You will then be on the page where you can "read more" and see the videos of construction progress on our new home for the CENTER FOR ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE.

Have you noticed how classrooms are now rigged with internet access? Some schools are now even requiring each student to have an iPad for use in obtaining content from the web in class. Just think of the potential this gives the SAR to reach students with our teachings on American history and patriotism. Did you know that the Center, when fully implemented, would have an interactive internet site designed to satisfy this great need? Center employees would man the site. Our mission to "perpetuate the institutions of American freedoms" would have the benefit of the latest mass media techniques at its disposal. You would be able to have the latest SAR educational programs in your own homes, chapter meetings and local schools. THE SAR WOULD HAVE ENTERED THE 21ST CENTURY!

The Center will feature a large plaque showing the states that have met the goal for donations. Nine states have already met this goal, but Florida is only half way to making the goal of a \$250 per member average. Now is the time to make your first or additional donations because they will be matched by the generous \$1.5 million grant from Sam and Karen Powell. Success in reaching this goal this year will ensure that when the next PG is elected in 2014, the SAR will be able to celebrate the event in the Center.

We can do this! Just go to the above website and click the DONATE tab. There will be all the information you need. Donations are tax deductible. Florida, as well as you as an individual, get credit. Remember our goal is to reach out to future generations with our teachings on civic responsibility in order to preserve American freedoms.

The above information is presented by your Advancing America's Heritage Committee. Roland Downing, Hall Riediger and Ron Toops

## New BOM Location

At the Fall BOM, a change in our BOM meeting schedule for the 2013-2014 year was agreed upon after much discussion. After receiving comments over the last few years from Florida Compatriots concerning move the meetings to another venue, the BOM approved the move to another Hotel, The Florida Hotel – at the Florida Mall in south Orlando. This is the same hotel that has hosted the Florida DAR forums in past years. This venue was selected after the committee had a pool of potential venues to submit Requests for Proposals (RFPs). The pool was narrowed by looking at venues for a set of criteria that included, in no particular order: Meal costs for luncheons and Banquets; whether they had meeting room(s) and Banquet facilities sufficient in number and room size to accommodate our meeting and eating requirements; the cost of such meeting rooms; the guest room rate; WI-FI access; in-house restaurant facilities open for breakfasts, lunches, and dinners; suites; ability to have a Hospitality room – any the cost to provide food for the Hospitality room. Also considered was the presence of activities or facilities in-house or nearby for our wives which they could use while our members are in meetings or sessions. Hospitality rooms are by nature a public room and hotels require that any foodstuffs for the Hospitality room be purchased from the hotel. Hotels that have guest room rates below the ~\$80/night rate don't have meeting rooms at all, or are either an old facility in need of updating, or have small meeting rooms insufficient to our requirements. Also, unconsidered were venues that would have meeting room facilities and had guest room rates that started in the \$135/night and went higher. These venues priced themselves out of any further review. Venues with facilities that are acceptable have guest room rates from \$90 to \$120/night.

SVP Ted Duay and Meeting Arrangement co-chair Steve Williams visited the 2 venues that were the top two choices of the committee for an on-site tour and facility review. While both had acceptable meeting room sizes and numbers of rooms and both were either recently updated or in the process of completing facility upgrades, the decision devolved to reviewing their differences in guest room rates, WI-FI access, meeting room expenses, spouse activity accommodations, and restaurant facilities. The results in the opinions of the compatriots are:

Florida Hotel – Plus: Meeting rooms expenses were cheaper based on the food/beverage requirements, spouse activity accommodation was the Florida Mall's physical connection to the hotel via a short hallway, on-site restaurant open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Negative: Meeting room WI-FI access is through an A/V contractor (expensive), Guest room rates higher (+\$28) than other venue.

The World Gate Resort – Plus: Guest room rates cheaper than Florida Hotel (-\$28), WI-FI access in meeting rooms' Negative: Meeting room cost is higher (\$3655.12 per event), only spouse activity accommodations are shuttle buses to discount mall and Disney properties, and Restaurant is open for breakfast only on weekends.

Both were comparable in meal costs in that they both had reasonably priced entrees (\$25-30).

Added to the consideration of which venue to ask for a contract was the recommendation from the Florida Ladies Auxiliary in favor of the Florida Hotel.

So now that the decision has been made to move to another venue, those Florida Compatriots who had asked for such a move should take advantage of this move and once again come to the BOM meetings.



## *Florida Hotel at Florida Mall -*

(So that spouses have something to do while we are at meetings)

More Stores. More Restaurants. More Services. The Florida Mall is Orlando's most spectacular shopping and tourist attraction as well as the largest shopping mall in Central Florida. A destination for fabulous fashion, fun for all ages and exceptional dining. The Florida Mall spans more than 1.8 million square feet and features more than 250 fine stores and restaurants, including many that are exclusive to Central Florida. The Florida Mall is anchored by Macys, Dillards, jcpenny, Saks, Nordstrom and Sears. Visitors love the convenience of on-site hotel accommodations and a conference center on property. The Florida Mall became home to the first H&M in Florida in 2010, when The Promenade, a 150,000 square foot outdoor lifestyle component, opened with more fashion forward concepts including Zara and FOREVER XXI.

The Florida Mall recently announced an expansive redevelopment of their Center Court area, which will include the addition of delicious dining options Wasabi Sushi and Pinkberry. The Microsoft Store opened during summer 2012 and luxury retailers TOUS and Michael Kors will be debuting at the property in 2013.

There is always something new to see at The Florida Mall!

# How to get there without getting lost

Use this page's information to learn where the September 2013, January 2014, and May 2014 BOM meetings are and how to get there.

Shown on this page are two maps of the area to give attendees road information on getting to the Florida Hotel & Conference Center at the Florida Mall.



**ATTENTION !  
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NO  
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At left, the Florida Hotel & Conference Center is represented by the letter 'A' which places it in relation to the major highways, I-4, SR528 (Beachline) and the Florida Turnpike (91). At the bottom is a satellite view of the same area enlarged with arrows to direct your attention to the various ways of getting to the hotel.

*Traveling from the west coast* on I-4, attendees will use SR528 and Exit 4 to a right turn on Consulate Dr.; then left turn on S Orange Blossom Trail for approximately 3/4 mile to Sun Life Path and bearing to the right.

*Traveling from the southeast*, attendees can take either the Florida Turnpike north to Exit then east to 254; then straight to S Orange Blossom Trail. Alternately, Attendees can take I-95 north to SR 528 (Beachline) to Exit 4 and left turn on S Orange Blossom Trail. Notice the different lanes on this exit.

*Traveling from the northeast*, on I-4, attendees can take the Florida Turnpike south to Exit 254 and follow the same directions as mentioned above.

*Traveling from the northwest and northcentral regions*, attendees might take the Florida Turnpike and also use Exit 254.

The following Hotels are within 3/4 mile of the Florida Mall and are on S Orange Blossom Trail.

- Baymont Inn & Suites
- Quality Inn & Suites
- Hampton Inn-Orlando Florida Mall
- La Quinta Inn & Suites
- Howard Johnson Inn
- Days Inn Orlando Airport/Florida Mall

Contact information for the Florida Hotel & Conference Center at the Florida Mall -

1500 Sand Lake Road  
Orlando, FL 32809  
(407) 859-1500  
<http://www.thefloridahotelorlando.com/>



# Your Florida Committees

## DAR Liaison Committee

Ralph D. Nelson, Jr., Committee Co-Chair

On 2012-09-21 and 22, George Lockhart managed the committee's table at the FLSSDAR State Meeting in Lake Buena Vista. Steve Williams, Ralph Nelson, Randy Moody, and Norman Myers helped man the table. Steve was in Continental uniform and brought many replica items for display. We had about 80 visitors, many friendly conversations, and about a dozen leads for SAR prospects.

After the meeting George passed the committee's kit on to Ralph Nelson. At the January FLSSAR Board meeting Ralph Nelson and Randy Moody were appointed to co-chair the committee. Steve Williams took the sign-in list home and distributed the SAR prospects listed there to the appropriate chapter registrars or regional recruiting contacts for followup.

We plan to have a table at the March 14-16 FLSSDAR State Meeting in Lake Buena Vista. We welcome participation by other SAR members. Contact Ralph at DEpatriot@aol.com.

## Eagle Committee



Chairman - Charlie Day

We administer the Eagle Scholarship Program. We have just finished review of the 2012 Chapter winners and approved final voting at the Winter BOM. The results were 1st Place,

FLSSAR winner, is David C. Hager sponsored by Jacksonville Chapter, 2nd Place was Nathan P. Lovstrand sponsored by Withlacoochee and Andrew J. Case sponsored by Clearwater. The papers of the FLSSAR first place winner were forwarded on time to the National Chairman as the Eagle Scout Charter requires.



Our on going responsibility is to promote and publicize the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program and awards. One of our best means of doing this is through the presentation of our SAR Eagle Recognition Certificates. I truly believe this is one of the highest public relations activities the FLSSAR organization has going for

them, every year, all over the State of Florida. It is accomplished on the ground floor by helpful Chapter Compatriots. The Recognition Certificates are presented at an Eagle Court of Honor if at all possible. When they cannot be presented in person they are mailed. There are several hundred of these issued/presented each year. This is a very high profile activity. In the process of attending these Eagle Courts of Honor, the opportunity exists, and is taken advantage of, to promote and leave materials (including a sample application) with the Eagle and his parents, for entering the Scholarship Program. Eagle Scout Partners for Good Citizen Patches (ES-GCP) should be taken along to the Court of Honor, they are great tokens of our scouting friendship and often given to new Eagles and Scoutmasters.

SAR persons attending Eagle Courts of Honor or just making

certificate presentations should dress in Colonial Uniform or with blue blazers, tie and a smile. Have fun!

### FLASH UPDATE !!

Florida's entry at the National Eagle Scholarship competition, David Hager, WON !!

## Membership Promotion and Retention Committee

Among many things, we are chartered to work with the Regional Vice-Presidents in providing guidance to chapters in the recruitment of members, to obtain state assistance in urging retention & reinstatement of members, to find what methods for retention are being successfully used by chapters, and to work with the DAR local genealogical societies to help in recruitment.

### Teamwork!



In the past months the committee has discussed the creation of a Florida SAR brochure which can be distributed at any public function that the chapters or state society attends. The brochure would contain Florida information on who we are, what our goals are, and how we are involved in the communities that we serve.

Another topic of discussion in the committee was the utilization of an exit interview of members that have chosen to not renew their membership. This was done in the hope that in getting answers to the reasons for not renewing it will enable us to improve our relationship with our members and keep them in the fold.

## Good Citizenship Committee

Chairman - Dr. Oscar Patterson

**GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM** - The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution sponsors a Good Citizenship Certificate program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The certificate is presented to students who clearly exhibit the qualities of dependability, leadership, patriotism and upright character in speech and habits.



Each 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher is asked to nominate one student per class utilizing the stated criteria to receive the certificate. The local Chapter coordinates this activity with local school officials. It is recommended that contact be established with the local superintendent's office and, through that office, the principals of schools which house the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Teachers should submit their nominations to their principal who will, in turn, forward them to the Chapter member in charge of this activity.

Certificates should be presented by a Chapter member during the schools' awards ceremonies. Compatriots in proper colonial military attire are encouraged to participate. When a local Chapter makes such a presentation, they should report their activity to the state program chairman. Good Citizenship Certificates are available at no cost to the chapter. Chapters wishing

to participate in this program should send their requests for certificates to the state chairman.

The Good Citizenship Certificate program for elementary school students must not be confused with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal which may be presented to *“the outstanding high school student”* in his/her school considering both citizenship and scholarship. The exact criteria is at the discretion of the presenting authority, i.e., it could be presented to a senior or junior, for overall scholarship and citizenship; or to a student with the highest grades in history and the best record in citizenship, etc.” (NSSAR Handbook, Vol. III)



## Book Notes

### American History Teacher of the Year Award Committee

Chairman Charles W. Riegle

The committee is proud to announce that our FLSSAR American History Teacher of the year 2012, Ms Michelle Hubenschmidt was chosen as the WINNER by the committee of Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year.



Previously, Michelle had won the local contest in the Lakeland Chapter and had then been selected as the Florida American History Teacher of the Year in a contest with other Social Studies teachers from around the state of Florida. In the national contest she competed with entrants from all 50 states. Her award (\$1,400 first prize) will pay for her tuition and expenses for a summer session at one of five leading universities, which provide continuing education courses in Early American History. Her choice will be determined by her and approved by the committee of the NS-SAR. Michelle will give the committee a report on her appraisal

of this, as a student.

We are pleased that Michelle won and I want to personally thank all the committeemen in FLSSAR, who helped make this possible for her. They are: Compatriots: Larry Fehrenbaker, Frank Hodalski, Dan Hooper, Oscar Paterson, David Ramseur, “Bill” Smith.

Also the contenders should be noted, as they all provided exceptional applications for this award:

- Dr. John Eberts – St. Petersburg;
- Compatriot Dan Flint – Jacksonville;
- Major Rachel Wasserman – Sarasota.

I thank everyone for his participation.

### Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

The Americanism Poster Contest theme for this year is the “Declaration of Independence” and chapter winning posters will be judged at the annual meeting on Saturday May 4th.

The theme for the next four years based on the SAR Congress meeting locations (that you can advise the teachers) are:

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| 2014 | <i>Francis Marion</i>          | <i>Greenville, SC</i> |
| 2015 | <i>George Rogers Clark</i>     | <i>Louisville, KY</i> |
| 2016 | <i>Lexington &amp; Concord</i> | <i>Boston, MA</i>     |
| 2017 | <i>Over the Mountain Men</i>   | <i>Knoxville, TN</i>  |

Please advise if your chapter and others are participating in this educational contest (and how many posters do you think you will be judging at the chapter level.

Thanks, David Ramseur



In the many ceremonies that took place in our chapters this February, George Washington was discussed, talked about, and rightly celebrated. Frequently the stories about George involve the apocryphal tales of the Cherry Tree chopping, the silver dollar tossing across the Potomac, or the praying in the woods at Valley Forge. None of which happened, of course, but they make a good story.

There are several excellent books written about all aspects of George’s life and times that few people have spent the time to read - they must prefer the Cliff Notes versions or rely on someone else to read it for them. This is mainly because such tomes are lengthy and delve too deeply into things that most are too impatient to read about.

This unfortunate happenstance can be remedied quite easily by picking up the book *Washington, The Indispensable Man*, the Illustrated Edition by James Thomas Flexner.

Like most readers, unless I’m *really interested* in the topic I skim through the book or pick one that isn’t 400 pages long. This book is laid out well, and has a lot of photos of actual documents, maps, and paintings to help illustrate the author’s premise: that Washington was indispensable in putting our nation on the democratic republic path. The book travels through George’s career from the early days in the Virginia militia and his ambitions for advancement to the darker days of the Revolution when a lesser man would have left and gone home to tend the homestead (and quite a few did) then to the politics of a new nation and the end of his life.

At some point between now and next February, get yourself a copy, or go to the library and check it out, or put it on your Christmas wish list. You won’t be disappointed.

*“Press on: nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not: unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not: the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.”* - See page 27 for author’s name.

## Treasurer's Notes Spring 2013

It is that time of year again, we need to communicate with the IRS. Each Chapter in the Florida Society HAS to contact the IRS and file a 990 or 990N tax return. If your Chapter handled \$25,000 or more, then you will need to file the 990; if less then \$25,000 , then you file the 990N. The rule is that you must file at least once in every three years. But the best policy is to file each year in Jan. or Feb. You have until May 1.



Filing a 990N is easily done online at the IRS website. All that is necessary is to have your Chapter EIN (Employer Identification Number). Follow the instructions and when finished print the form for your records.

You are all set; it takes only a few minutes and you reconfirm the Chapter's 501-c-3 status as a nonprofit.

Failure to do this in any three year period will have your chapter nonprofit status revoked. You will receive no warnings just a letter that revokes this status. Repairing this revocation is a time consuming, major effort, and costly as there is a \$400 refilling fee. Please, even if someone else should have filed, check and if you have any doubts file. This should be done by every Chapter President and/or Treasurer every year.

Annually about 20,000 nonprofit groups loose this status. The Florida Society has had a Chapter lose their 501-c-3 each year for the last three years.

A second item that applies to only those Chapters that were incorporated with the State of Florida is that it is time for the annual filing of the Corporation status with the Florida Secretary of State. Only those chapters that have changed their financial institution, changed bank accounts, or were incorporated when they were formed need to do this. The filing can be done online at Sunbiz.gov and it takes about 20 minutes depending on how many changes you have had in your governance, i.e. President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. The fee is \$61.25 and is good for one year.



PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE  
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As a chapter officer, check to see if you have filed that 990N, and if not get the EIN and do so. It is better to file twice then not to file at all. DO NOT TAKE A CHANCE ON

LOOSING YOUR 501-c-3 STATUS AND DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT !!!

## Secretary's Notes Spring 2013

After many fits and starts the Florida Annual report has been reconciled with National Headquarters. We started the year with 1,570 members and ended the year with 1,681 - a net gain of 111 members. Once again, the Florida Society had close to 200 members not renew, 186 this year. This continuing issue needs to be investigated to determine what the Florida Society needs to improve on in order to retain most, if not all, members. What needs to be understood by all is that National tells the states who their members are - the state does not tell National who the members are. The more accurate we all keep records of who Died, Transferred In or OUT, and who is not retained (Drop or Resign), the fewer the problems we all have in reconciling the annual reports.

A usual problem that becomes critical at Annual Report time

for chapters is the correct listing of chapter members so that reporting the member rosters in the chapter annual report would be a small matter. What is apparent in some, but not all chapters, is that the chapter officer responsible for maintaining the chapter roster does not get informed of members transferring IN or OUT, any deceased members, or New Members. A related issue is the maintenance of accurate contact information for each chapter member. Intra-chapter communication is essential if the chapter is to have accurate information on who their members are, where the members are, and how to communicate with those members. That same information is critical to the state for exactly the same reasons. It should not be the case where a chapter starts reconciling its roster in December as it is trying to submit its annual report to the state.



Each year the state secretary sends to the chapter a current roster (at the time of distribution), a form to be used to submit the annual dues, a Chapter Information report form, and instructions on the preparation of these documents. The chapter roster has spaces for annotating changes in member information and whether they have paid their dues - and instructions are given as to how to highlight those changes. The state secretary needs to have the forms sent back electronically because it reduces the time required to compare any member information changes with a current chapter roster - and to update the state database. Sending the roster back as handwritten lists or as a printed form lengthens the time required for comparing the chapter list with the secretary's list and this introduces errors into the process.

Someone in the chapter, and it's usually the chapter Secretary or the combined Secretary/Treasurer, is the person that maintains the chapter's membership records. And this same person(s) can and should access the National database to make their members' contact information updates at the same time that they notify the state secretary of the changes.

So beginning with the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting, your chapter secretary and treasure should attend the training session to better understand their duties to efficiently and effectively support their chapter and the state.

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## Calling All Color Guardsmen !

Here's a chance to strut your stuff by attending the Spring



BOM and Annual Meeting wearing your COLORful attire be it a Military uniform, militia outfit, or civilian clothing. If you haven't started marching with the Florida Brigade and have earned your Bronze Color Guard medal, start doing so this May! Show the dashing side to your personality by joining the other members of the Florida Brigade as they present the colors at the Friday and Saturday night banquets. Staying for the banquet is always optional but it's more fun to mingle with the ordinarily dressed folks.

# Constitution in Today's Political Environment

While I know more than the average Joe on the topic of the Constitution, I certainly do not qualify myself as a Constitutional expert. That being said, I am hardly a Harvard professor of Constitutional law. But as many of my former 8th grade students would probably be quick to tell you, the U.S. Constitution is a topic that I really enjoy discussing. It was and is a topic that I love to teach, and one of which I believe you can never know enough.

One only has to have been somewhat cognizant of recent events (or not have been in a coma for the last two months) to come to the conclusion that the Constitution is front and center in much of our public discourse – the recent “fiscal cliff” negotiations as well as the Newtown massacre have dominated the news – and what movie just won 12 Oscar nominations? Stephen Spielberg’s *Lincoln*, the dramatic story of what would end up being one of the very last of our 16th president’s great achievements – getting a reluctant and divided House of Representatives to pass the Thirteenth Amendment by a two-thirds majority vote. The recent fiscal cliff crisis and the movie *Lincoln* remind us of the messiness (some would say ugliness) of doing the people’s business. The Newtown massacre reminds us of the costs and consequences of living in a free society, and that with rights come responsibility.

My recent talk at the DAR luncheon focused on common misconceptions regarding the Constitution and its storied history. I’d like to continue in that vein, using some of the examples I just mentioned and connect that theme to the Constitution in the modern political environment. Both the movie *Lincoln* and the “Fiscal Cliff” crisis expose the difficulty of getting Congress to accomplish anything cleanly and efficiently. One of my favorite political pundits is the conservative columnist George Will. Now mind you, he is not one of my favorites because we always agree or even because I count myself as a conservative – I like him because everything he says and writes (even when the topic is baseball), whether I agree with his position or not, contains a valuable civics lesson with respect to American government. Those of you familiar with Mr. Will know he gets very impatient, almost testy, when hearing people complain about how dysfunctional the federal government is, often stating “The United States government is inefficient by design.” Nothing is supposed to get through the Congress easily, and contrary to popular belief, it is a sign that the federal government is working exactly as it should when many legislative initiatives fail. We as a people are not of like-mind on many issues – and that diversity is a strength, not a weakness.

When speaking to the DAR in September, I highlighted a common misconception commonly held by many Americans related to this point - the incorrect belief that this group we refer to as the “Founding Fathers” were these brilliant men who all thought alike about government. It does not take much research on the Philadelphia Convention, or what has become commonly known as the “Constitutional Convention” to discover that nothing could be further from the truth. The firebrands of the American Revolution, most notably Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry, were conspicuous in their absence; they wanted no part of the new federal constitution. More than a few patriots who fought in the Continen-

By Paul R. Ouellette, Social Studies Curriculum Specialist

tal Army, most likely including some of the ancestors of those in this organization, saw the adoption of the Constitution as a great betrayal of everything for which they fought so valiantly in the Glorious Revolution. After all, the United States had just won its freedom from an all-powerful monarch – why in Heaven’s name would we replace that with an all-powerful federal government? So, in 1787 we were not of like-mind – why do we expect to be in 2013?

I would speculate that nearly all but the most insensitive, apathetic, or mentally disturbed of us are of like-mind when it comes to our collective horror and grief at the shooting of first grade students and their teachers in Connecticut. I was recently at a student performance at Madison Street Academy where my six-year-old attends kindergarten, and I couldn’t help but survey the room thinking about the security there. While we are united in our collective grief and outrage at this senseless tragedy, we certainly are not when it comes to the interpretation of the Second Amendment. Twenty seven words: “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” Those who favor stricter gun laws point to the “well regulated militia being necessary to a free state” clause, specifically the word “regulated,” and argue that the right is a collective one. Those who favor fewer restrictions argue it is an individual right. The high court has issued narrow rulings, mostly siding with the individual right argument. How this is resolved will be messy, and if the process works by design, inefficiently. No one will get everything they want – but, as was true in 1787, what is accomplished will involve heated debate and end in success only through the necessity of compromise.

We would be wise here to remember Philadelphia in 1787, when the idea of writing a new constitution to replace the Articles was raised, some state delegations threatened to walk out since this would exceed their authority. Delegates debated for months in

Independence Hall with the windows closed for secrecy during one of the hottest summers on record. Several issues threatened to spoil the convention, the biggest being how states would be represented in Congress. The Virginia Plan called for representation based on population. The New Jersey plan called for equal representation. The debate was very heated frequently devolving into

shouting matches. Both small state and big state delegations again threatened to walk out. Then the Connecticut Compromise saves the day. Two houses – a House of Representatives based on state population, a Senate where all states are equally represented. A message to today’s politicians – compromise is not a dirty word, it is the American way.

Winston Churchill once remarked that you can always rely on the United States to do the right thing, but only after it has exhausted every other alternative. While his comment was meant as a good-natured poke, it really points to the American genius which is rooted in what George Will calls “inefficiency by design.” Continuing towards a more perfect union will be messy, inefficient, impassioned, and end in what is truly in the American character:

“The United States government is inefficient by design.” – George Will, Columnist



compromise. Of one thing I remain hopeful, and reasonably confident - that the Constitution will survive today's political environment, because since 1787 it has been what we look to in times of crisis. Sometimes we decide it needs to be revised, as President Lincoln did in 1864, when he proceeded to get his hands dirty in the messy business of politics for the benefit of all. Even in 2013, the Constitution is not a work of perfection. Neither did the Founders, President Lincoln, nor do we today, all agree that it was or is. But we revere the Constitution for what it has done effectively since its ratification in 1788 - secure the rights of all of those under its jurisdiction. It is easy to lose sight of this while engaged in debates over the Thirteenth Amendment, the "fiscal cliff," or gun control. But we shouldn't.

*This article was submitted by the Ocala Chapter for publication in The Florida Patriot. Mr. Ouellette is the head of the history department for the Marion County School System. The Ocala Chapter is looking forward to Mr. Ouellette's application to the SAR.*

## Heraldry: The SAR Badge<sup>1</sup>

### Part I: Introduction



Most members of the SAR are familiar with the Membership Badge; but few perhaps are familiar with the history and significance which underlie its heraldry. The badge is not only one of the most beautiful of the American hereditary societies; it's also one of the most steeped with history

and replete with meaning.

The badge was designed in the very early days of the Society by Major Goldsmith Bernard West, Vice President of the Alabama Society. The Badge consists of a cross of eight points suspended by an Eagle. The cross is of white enamel and has four arms and eight points, each point being decorated with a gold bead. The source of our cross is the cross of the ancient chivalric Order of St. Louis, founded by Louis XIV in 1693. To be continued...

<sup>1</sup> This is part one of a five part rewrite by Chuck Sweeney, of the scholarly account of the SAR Badge done by Compatriot Duane L. C. M. Galle, some 20 years ago. The story of the SAR Badge is being told in five segments, which will appear in subsequent issues of the FLSSAR Patriot. Part I above concludes that our cross is the cross of the ancient chivalric Order of St. Louis, founded by Louis XIV in 1693. Part II will address the similarities between the SAR cross and the cross of the Order of St. Louis. Part III will illuminate the reasons why the Order of St. Louis made an appropriate pattern for the SAR Badge. Part IV will discuss the Legion of Honour Influence on the SAR Badge. And Part V will answer the question, why is the Eagle used to suspend the cross of the SAR Badge? Photo is by Chuck Sweeney, President of the Saramana Chapter and Immediate Past President of the Naples Chapter.

*"Things get very lonely in Washington sometimes. The real voice of the great people of America sometimes sounds faint and distant in that strange city. You hear politics until you wish that both parties were smothered in their own gas.*

- See page 27 for author's name.

## Two FLSSAR Former Presidents General Receive Certificate of Patriotism.

At the recent NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting in Louisville, President General Stephen A. Leishman signed Certificates of Patriotism for President General 1997 - 1998 Carl Hoffmann, Esq., and President General 2005 - 2006 Roland Downing, PhD.

Both Compatriots are now inducted into the NSSAR Korean Service Veterans Corps. President General Downing received his Certificate of Patriotism from President General Leishman on Friday, 1 March 2013 at the Leadership Conference; and President General Carl Hoffmann received his Certificate of Patriotism from NSSAR Veterans Recognition Chairman/President Saramana Chapter Chuck Sweeney at the Lido Beach Holiday Inn during their 15 March 2013 Chapter Luncheon Meeting.

PG Roland Downing was raised in Nashville, TN. He was the president of his high school student body. He attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1953 with a major in Organic Chemistry and was commissioned an Officer in the United States Navy upon graduation. He served three years at sea during the Korean War before returning to civilian life; however, he remained in the Naval Ready Reserve for over 20 years and retired with the rank of Captain. He earned his PhD Degree in Organic Chemistry in 1961 from Vanderbilt and became a research chemist with the DuPont Company. He retired from the chemical industry in 1993.

PG Carl Hoffmann is a native Floridian (Plant City). After high school he attended and graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; he received a Bachelor of Science Degree from NW in 1951. He fulfilled his military service obligation during the Korean War period as a Naval Officer; subsequently he attended Yale University, from which he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1957. He became a Fulbright Scholar to Australia in 1958. During his professional working years he was a member of the Virginia, Washington DC, and Florida Bars; and he was an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at the University of North Florida.



L-R. USAF Vietnam Veteran PG Stephen A. Leishman. USN Korean War Veteran PG Downing with PG Leishman. USMC Vietnam/1st Gulf War Veteran Chuck Sweeney and USN Cold War Veteran Vic McMurry with USN Korean War Veteran PG Hoffmann.

**To become a member of the World War II and/or the Korean Service Veterans Corps complete the survey form located at <http://www.sar.org/node/1771>.**

**Check the Winter Issue of The Florida Patriot, page 21 for the Korean Service survey form.**

# New Members!!!

(January 1 to March 15)



Last	First	Middle	Chapter	Ancestor		Membership
Abbott	William	Arthur	Naples	Reuben	Abbott	Regular
Beaudry	Dennis	Matthew	Saramana	Jacob	Cleveland	Regular
Beaudry	Michael	Alan	Saramana	Jacob	Cleveland	Regular
Beaudry	Roger	Lee	Saramana	Jacob	Cleveland	Regular
Black III	Thomas	Ralph	Brevard	William	Collins	Regular
Black IV	Thomas	Ralph	Brevard	William	Collins	Regular
Camp II	William	Hunter	St. Augustine	John	Bethea	Regular
Card	Samuel	Thomas	Brevard	David	Coe	Junior
Card	Jonathan	David	Brevard	David	Coe	Junior
Card	Nathaniel	Peter	Brevard	Davis	Coe	Junior
Cassle	Harrison	Oscar	St. Augustine	Martin	Roberts	Junior
Curry	John	Michael	Palm Beach	Jonathan	Holt	Regular
D'Alessandro	Anthony	Salvatore Wade	Brevard	David	Coe	Junior
Dangl	Michael	Dominic	Tampa	Aquilla	Norris	Regular
Dean	Larry	Alan	Saramana	William	Lyon	Regular
Derrer	William	Lloyd	Caloosa	John	Flack	Regular
DeShazo	James	Ryder	Gainesville	Thomas	Lee	Junior
DeShazo	James	Edward	Gainesville	Thomas	Lee	Regular
DeShazo	James	Wesley	Gainesville	Thomas	Lee	Regular
Donnan	Geoffrey	Wade	Brevard	David	Coe	Regular
Donnan	Jason	Wade	Brevard	David	Coe	Regular
Elder	Harry	William	Daytona-Ormond	Guy	Elder	Regular
Flannigan	Jerry	Earl	Aaron Snowden	William	Flanagan	Regular
Folk	John	Anthony	Highlands	Isaac	Workman	Regular
Gearen	Paul	Llewellyn	Jacksonville	John	Sharpe Sr	Regular
Graham	John	Andrew	Brevard	William	Taggart	Regular
Hackett	Jack	Owen	Charlotte	Robert	Douglas	Regular
Hanchett	Jerry	Miles	St. Augustine	Ebenezer	Hanchet Jr	Regular
Hibbard	Joseph	William	Saramana	Josiah	Hibbard	Regular
McMullan	Wilson	Malcolm	St. Augustine	John	McMullan	Regular
McMurry	Scott	George	Saramana	Samuel	McMurry	Regular
Myers	John	Woodford	Clearwater	John	Agard	Regular
Nichols	James	Michael	Daytona-Ormond	Benoni	Harris	Regular
Ochsenschlager	Daniel	Robert	Ft. Lauderdale	Elijah	Witt	Regular
Odendahl	Gary	Lee	Flagler	James	Templin	Regular
Popham	William	Lee	Miami	David	Minear	Regular
Smith	Larry	Nelson	Gainesville	Mordecai	Lewis	Regular
Smith	Nelson	Arthur	Gainesville	Mordecai	Lewis	Regular
Smith	Travis	Benton	Gainesville	Mordecai	Lewis	Regular
Smith	Dylan	Wiley	Gainesville	Mordecai	Lewis	Junior
Speed	Joshua	Charles	Lake-Sumter	John	Beard	Regular
Tinny	Clayton	Adam Murrell	St. Augustine	William	Cone	Junior
Weiland, Sr.	Roy	Lee	Jacksonville	William	Harris	Regular
Zoeteman	Chet	Daniel	Gainesville	Zachariah	Melton	Junior
Zoeteman	Grant	Hudson	Gainesville	Zachariah	Melton	Junior

# Necrology Report

From January 1 to March 18, 2013


<i>Name</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
<i>Thrasher, Elwin Roland</i>	<i>127078</i>	<i>5320</i>	<i>Tampa</i>
<i>Wesson, Jr., Doc Stevens</i>	<i>142760</i>	<i>6985</i>	<i>Lakeland</i>
<i>Finney, Jr., Roy Pelham</i>	<i>169811</i>	<i>9017</i>	<i>Withlacoochee</i>
<i>Wildes, Jr., Ronald Patten</i>	<i>154291</i>	<i>7940</i>	<i>St. Petersburg</i>
<i>Witt, Leither Thomas</i>	<i>129877</i>	<i>5567</i>	<i>Lake City</i>
<i>Hardy, Austin Edward</i>	<i>168851</i>	<i>8936</i>	<i>Palm Beach</i>
<i>Young, Edward Dyer</i>	<i>73536</i>	<i>8541</i>	<i>Pensacola</i>
<i>Campbell, Donald Ernest</i>	<i>161149</i>	<i>9441</i>	<i>Saramana</i>
<i>Chapel, Howard R</i>	<i>157250</i>	<i>8115</i>	<i>Clearwater</i>
<i>Grove II, John Axtell</i>	<i>182613</i>	<i>10012</i>	<i>Aaron Snowden</i>
<i>Case, Blair Rusling</i>	<i>163479</i>	<i>8554</i>	<i>Naples</i>




## What is an e-Book?

The Florida Society has created and continuing to add to a new, for us, type of publication - an e-Book. The electronic Book, or e-Book, contains articles and content concerning a specific subject matter. We have created two e-Books. One based around the military experiences of our Florida compatriots in whichever field of military life they experienced be it WW II, the Korean Conflict, Viet Nam, or later conflicts. The second is centered on Genealogical and Historical subject matter. It might be information on historical artifacts or people and battles in the Revolutionary War, or genealogical analysis or research reports.

Take advantage of these e-Books and spend a few minutes reading their stories or reports. They can be found on the Florida Website at <http://fssar.org/Forms.htm>






Following the British surrender at Yorktown in 2006, I ended nearly 25 years of traveling and selling my wares. Since that time my focus has been to make clothing items on demand for both re-enactors and museums. Whether I was The Little Village Tailors, Heritage Clothiers or now, I wish to create for you, impeccable, historical clothing to fit the 20th century physique. Please explore my website at [www.just2tailors.com](http://www.just2tailors.com) and see what I have to offer YOU.

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 (all)

# Proposed Amendments to Florida Bylaws

As the current Bylaws require, "proposed amendment/s shall be published, in extract form, in THE FLORIDA PATRIOT and received for review by the membership in advance of the Annual Meeting." Extract form is the listing of those sections of the bylaws that have any proposed amendments. What is printed herein is the complete Bylaws with Articles, Sections, and sub-sections that have proposed changes and are either deletions as shown by 'deletion' or additions as shown by 'ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE.' Text within brackets [XXXX] denote information as to where the deleted language has been moved. These changes will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Line spacing within this article are changed for economy of space.

The following are the proposed amendments by Article, Section, and sub-section.

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ARTICLE I THE SOCIETY

Section 1 Objectives

The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the FLSSAR, is a chartered entity of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the NSSAR. The FLSSAR is a not-for-profit 501 c. (3) corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida under the terms of a Certificate of Incorporation issued on March 9, 1972 by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

Section 2 Chapters and Regions

The FLSSAR is organized into chapters, to each of which the FLSSAR has issued a charter that assigns to it the exclusive local jurisdiction over a designated territory. The state is also divided into geographic regions, the boundaries of which are designated by the BOM, and usually so drawn that each encompasses several chapters. Each Region is represented by a Regional Vice President.

Section 3 Members

The FLSSAR is made up of members in good standing of the NSSAR, each of whom shall have been admitted to membership in the FLSSAR, and each of whom is a member in good standing of the FLSSAR. A Member in Good Standing is a person who has been admitted to membership in the NSSAR and the FLSSAR, who is not now in arrears in payment of his dues, and whose membership is not now suspended or terminated under the provisions of Section 3 of Bylaw 17 of the NSSAR.

- a. Normally members of the FLSSAR will hold memberships in one of the FLSSAR Chapters.
- b. Members may request and be designated as Members at Large. These members may attend BOM meetings but may not vote as members of the BOM unless they qualify for membership under the provisions of ARTICLE II, Section 1, of these Bylaws. Members at Large shall pay an additional fee in the amount of the FLSSAR current dues. This is in addition to regular NSSAR and FLSSAR yearly dues.

Section 4 Annual Meeting

The FLSSAR shall hold an Annual Meeting each year on a date in the month of April or May to be designated by the President, and at a place to be selected by him. In no event shall the date of the Annual Meeting be later than fifteen days prior to the opening date of the Annual Congress of the NSSAR. A quorum of an Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR shall consist of twenty members in good standing. **DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOM SHALL NOMINATE AND THE BOM SHALL ELECT, A NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS WHO SHALL HAVE NOT SERVED ON A PRIOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE FLSSAR DURING THE PRECEDING TWO YEARS, AND WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLSSAR.**

Section 5 Special Meeting

**REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT  
THE PRESIDENT MAY CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOM. NO-**

**TICE OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOM, EXCEPT THAT WHICH MAY FOLLOW THE ANNUAL MEETING, SHALL BE COMMUNICATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOM AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR THE DATE SET FOR SUCH MEETING. THE PRESIDENT SHALL DESIGNATE THE DATE AND THE PLACE OF MEETING FOR ALL SPECIAL BOM MEETINGS.** See Article II – Section 3 – 2nd Paragraph in By-Laws

**A QUORUM OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FLSSAR SHALL CONSIST OF TWENTY (20) MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.** See Article I – Section 5 – in By-Laws below. **A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AND A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY MEETING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE BOM TO TAKE ACTION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED.**

**REQUESTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**  
A Special Meeting of the FLSSAR shall be called by the President with not less than ten days prior notice to all members of the FLSSAR upon the request, **BY MAIL OR E-MAIL, in-writing** of at least three-fourths of the members of the BOM.

A quorum of a Special Meeting of the FLSSAR shall consist of twenty members in good standing. **A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AND A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY MEETING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE BOM TO TAKE ACTION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED.**

Section 6 Ladies Auxiliary (LAFSSAR)

Women who are related to an SAR of the FLSSAR shall be assisted by the FLSSAR to establish and join a separate, autonomous organization to be known as the LADIES AUXILIARY, FLORIDA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LAFSSAR), which shall organize and operate under its own Bylaws and Charter with its stated purpose to assist, support, and further the objectives of the FLSSAR. No member, or members, of the LAFSSAR shall have any authority to speak for the FLSSAR, nor to obligate the FLSSAR in any way unless specifically authorized by the FLSSAR, by the BOM, or Annual Meeting of the members.

ARTICLE II THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 1 Membership

The membership of the BOM shall include only persons who are members in good standing of the FLSSAR, and who are listed in at least one of the following categories:

- a. Persons who are lifetime members of the BOM by virtue of being a past President of the FLSSAR, a recipient of the Patriot Medal, or an incumbent or past elected officer of the NSSAR;
- b. Persons who are members of the BOM by virtue of being, and while being, an elected officer of the FLSSAR; appointed incumbent FLSSAR Committee Chairman; an incumbent National Trustee from Florida; an incumbent Chapter President; and the most recent Past President of a chapter, i.e., the person who preceded an incumbent Chapter President in office; if a chapter has no recent Past President it shall name another of its members to serve on the BOM;
- c. Persons who have been appointed by chapters having more than forty members on the basis of one additional member of the BOM for each forty chapter members or fraction thereof more than the first forty, the term of office of such additional members of the BOM to be coterminous with that of the Chapter President incumbent at the time of their appointment to the BOM.

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote. Members of the FLSSAR who are not members of the BOM may attend and participate in debate but may not vote. Visiting dignitaries, especially those from other State Societies or from the National Society, may attend and may be invited to address the meeting but may not participate in debate or vote.

Section 2 Powers

The BOM shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. to e Exercise management and control over the affairs of the FLSSAR;
- b. to c Create and staff additional offices and committees as needed;
- c. to a Approve, and authorize adjustments in, the FLSSAR budget;
- d. to a Admit new chapters;
- e. to f Fix fees from applicants, dues from members, and raise funds by other means to meet the financial needs of the FLSSAR;
- f. to f Fill vacancies which may occur in any office, to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR except as otherwise provided in ARTICLE IV, Section 2, of these bylaws;
- g. to s Sign contracts for the purchase of services and materials, and to

establish policies and procedures regarding reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the FLSSAR; and

h. to a Adopt and enforce rules and procedures which shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation of the FLSSAR, these bylaws, or the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSSAR.

### Section 3 Meetings

The BOM shall hold at least two regular meetings in the one year time period commencing at the end of the Annual Meeting. One meeting will occur on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the State Society, to be known as the Spring Meeting. The number of, and dates for, additional meetings to be held in the subsequent one year time period will be determined by the BOM at the meeting held closest to November 1.

A meeting may also be held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting if so announced by the President-elect. ~~The President may call special meetings of the BOM.~~ [MOVED TO ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – IN BY-LAWS.] Notice of all meetings of the BOM, except that which may follow the Annual Meeting, shall be communicated to all members of the BOM at least 30 days prior the date set for such meeting. ~~The President shall designate the date and the place of meeting for all special BOM meetings.~~ [MOVED TO ARTICLE I – SECTION 5 – IN BY-LAWS.]

### Section 4 Quorum

**A QUORUM OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLSSAR BOM SHALL CONSIST** ~~The attendance~~ of at least fifteen (15) MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. A quorum for the transaction of business and a majority vote of those in attendance at any meeting will be required for the BOM to take action, except as otherwise provided in ARTICLE VIII, Section 3, of these bylaws.

## ARTICLE III OFFICERS

### Section 1 Titles

The officers of the FLSSAR, who shall be members in good standing, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and who shall serve upon their installation and until their successors assume office, shall be a President, Senior Vice-President, Regional Vice-President for each Region as from time to time may be established, Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Chancellor, Chaplain, Genealogist, Editor, Webmaster, Historian, Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee, and Sergeant-at-Arms. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the incumbent president.

### Section 2 Nomination and Election of Officers

#### A. Nominations

##### (1) Nominating Committee

(a) Election of Members. ~~At the regular Summer Meeting of the BOM DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING,~~ the President and/or the members of the BOM shall nominate and the BOM shall elect, a Nominating Committee composed of five members who shall have not served on a prior Nominating Committee of the FLSSAR during the preceding two years, and whose term of office shall continue until the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR. Prior to the call for nominations, the Secretary shall inform the BOM of the names of persons who served on a Nominating Committee during either of the prior two years. Each member of the BOM shall vote for five of the persons nominated, on ballot forms provided by the Secretary. In the case of a tie vote that would prevent the naming of five clear winners, a runoff election shall be held between those unsuccessful candidates who, had they received one more vote on the first ballot, would have been a clear winner. If the committee is elected by acclamation, voting will not be necessary. The members of the Nominating Committee shall elect their own chairman.

(b) Duties. The Committee shall canvass the FLSSAR to solicit suggestions as to the members who are qualified and willing to serve in, and shall name at least one candidate for, each office that is to be filled by election by the FLSSAR at its next Annual Meeting. The Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall announce, ~~at the regular BOM meeting held closest to, but not after, the date~~ AT LEAST 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the names of the persons chosen by the Committee to be the nominees for the respective offices, and shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Secretary who shall publish it in such a manner and at such time as to assure that every member of the FLSSAR is given at least thirty days advance information as to the names of persons whom the Committee will nominate for the respective offices for the following year. At the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR the Chairman, or other committee member designated by him, shall place in nomination the names of the respective candidates proposed by the Committee to be officers of the FLSSAR for the following year, and he shall thereupon deliver a copy of the committee report to the Recording Secretary.

#### (2) Nominations from the Floor.

Any member of the FLSSAR is entitled to nominate from the floor of any Annual Meeting, or any meeting of the BOM, any other member of the FLSSAR for any office of the Society that is to be filled by election by either of these bodies.

#### B. Qualifications of Nominees

The Nominating Committee, or FLSSAR member who makes a nomination for an elective office of the FLSSAR, shall have ascertained before making a nomination that the person to be nominated is a member in good standing and has stated in writing that he is willing to serve in that office. Furthermore, each nominee, for the office of President and Senior Vice President, shall indicate their willingness and advise the Nominating Committee of any hindrance that might prevent them from attending all BOM meetings ~~and all NSSAR meetings~~ during the term of their elected office and to physically reside in the State of Florida for no less than six months during each year the office is held.

#### C. Election

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.** Election for an office for which only one person has been nominated shall be by voice vote upon a motion to elect by acclamation. Election for an office for which there are two or more candidates, shall be by secret ballot, supervised by Tellers appointed by the President. Election shall be by majority vote of those present and voting. If after one balloting no candidate has a majority, all candidates but the two who received the greatest plurality shall be dropped and a vote taken for the two remaining candidates, with the candidate receiving a majority being declared the winner. If there is a tie vote, balloting shall continue until a winner is determined. The results of each balloting shall be communicated by the Tellers to the President who shall announce the vote count and the name of the winner when one is obtained.

### Section 3 Additional Offices

The FLSSAR at any Annual Meeting, or at the BOM at any regular or special meeting, may create additional offices as in their judgment may be required, and may designate the person or persons to occupy the same until the next Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

### Section 4 National Trustee

The BOM shall annually select individuals for nomination for National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee in accordance with the requirements of the bylaws of the NSSAR, and ARTICLE III, Section 2, of these bylaws.

### Section 5 NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District Nominee

Once each four year period, the FLSSAR shall nominate a qualified member of the FLSSAR to the Annual South Atlantic District Meeting to be the nominee to the NSSAR for Vice President General of the South Atlantic District. Qualifications required for nomination to this office are that the individual is a member in good standing of the FLSSAR and NSSAR. Any qualified member of the FLSSAR may seek the nomination for NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District in accordance with the bylaws of the NSSAR and Article III, Section 2, of these bylaws. Election to the office of NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District shall be made by the delegates at the National Congress.

### Section 6 Holding Multiple Offices

Any member except the President may be elected to, and concurrently hold, more than one, but not more than two, of the offices listed in Section 1 of this ARTICLE.

### Section 7 Endorsement of Candidates for National Office

Candidates who have declared for election to General Offices in the National Society may appear before the Board of Management for the purpose of seeking the endorsement of the Florida Society.

## SECTION 8 VACANCIES

**IF ANY ELECTED OFFICER SHALL BE UNABLE TO SERVE HIS FULL TERM BECAUSE OF DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR DISABILITY OR OTHER CAUSE, THERE SHALL BE AN APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BY PHONE CONVERSATION, EMAIL OR LETTER, WITH FORMAL CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOM PER ARTICLE II – SECTION 2. F.)**

## ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### Section 1 President

The President shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the Board of Management. He shall also perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that of-

rice, including, without limitation, the submission of timely and pertinent information respecting the affairs of the FLSSAR to the membership thereof in whatever manner and at whatever intervals he shall deem appropriate. The President may authorize and award certificates for service to the FLSSAR to FLSSAR members, nonmembers, organizations or activities. ~~He should also attend NSSAR and South Atlantic District meetings, THE NSSAR ANNUAL CONGRESS, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT,~~ Commemorative Ceremonies, such as Revolutionary War Battles and he should attend as many of the Society's Chapter meetings as possible during his term of office

#### Section 2 Senior Vice President

If the President is absent, the Senior Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the FLSSAR and of the BOM. He shall succeed to the President's office in the case of resignation, death, or disability of the President, and he shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to that office and are assigned to him by the President or by the BOM.

#### Section 3 Regional Vice President

The Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the BOM, shall determine the number of Regional Vice-Presidents necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the FLSSAR and shall determine the boundaries of the various regions within which the Regional Vice-Presidents shall function. Each Regional Vice-President shall render assistance to the chapters within his region, survey and suggest locations for new chapters, promote membership in the FLSSAR, perform such other duties as requested by the President and/or the BOM, and shall visit each chapter in his region at least once each year.

#### Section 4 Secretary

The Secretary shall conduct membership and correspondence functions as listed herein, and shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary. Maintenance of files herein described should include provisions for a back-up process, such as a Cloud back-up service. The Secretary shall:

- a. maintain the file of duplicate applications APPROVED SAR RECORD COPIES; and, when received from the NSSAR, obtain the signature of the President on, and himself sign, the Certificate of Membership and forward it on to the new member's Chapter;
- b. prepare and send all reports required by the NSSAR, including the annual reports together with the annual dues when due;
- c. maintain files of annual chapter reports of membership; and maintain lists of present and former elected officers, members of the BOM, members of committees, and recipients of medals and awards;
- d. maintain records of membership including mailing addresses, on a current basis; and prepare, or cause to be prepared, mailing lists, or address labels as needed for the dispatch of correspondence, minutes of meetings, notices, and THE FLORIDA PATRIOT magazine;
- e. prepare and dispatch meeting notices, newsletters, and reports to members, compose and dispatch special correspondence for the FLSSAR or the BOM; and send copies of resolutions or news releases to the media, public officials, or other outside persons or agencies;
- f. order, and maintain stocks of stationery and other consumables; purchase stamps and arrange bulk mailing permits for correspondence, and THE FLORIDA PATRIOT magazine; and submit vouchers for payment of expenses incurred thereby;
- g. sign documents for official certification; sign checks as authorized; arrange for bonding of officers as directed by the BOM; and maintain the archives of original records of the FLSSAR; including all corporate resolutions that are currently valid.
- h. Record and distribute to the members of the Executive Committee the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings in a timely manner.

#### Section 5 Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall record, or cause to be recorded, and shall preserve, the minutes of the BOM and of annual Meetings of the FLSSAR. He shall send copies of the minutes of meetings to the Secretary for reproduction and distribution, shall record the additions and corrections made and the date of their final approval, and forward the corrected and approved original of such minutes to the Secretary for preservation in the archives of the Society, and for the preparation and dissemination of copies to the membership

#### Section 6 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as the principal financial officer of the FLSSAR, He shall;  
a. serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee; establish procedures to assure that expenditures conform to approved budget allocations, that they are vouchered, and that they are proper expenses of the FLSSAR; and shall receive, maintain custody of all accounting records, make all disbursements and report

periodically on the status and trends of, all funds of the FLSSAR except the Endowment Trust Fund and the Operating Budget Trust Fund.

- b. reimburse officers and members upon submission of vouchers for travel or other expenses incurred as a consequence of requested or special duties as approved or directed by the BOM or as required by these bylaws.
- c. disburse funds as vouchered by the Editor or the Secretary for services or materials received by the FLSSAR under contract as authorized by these bylaws;
- d. prepare tax exemption forms or other forms, returns and reports required by Federal, State, or local laws;
- e. maintain current signature cards for depositories as necessary.
- f. establish and monitor procedures for annual reporting of the inventory, sales, and replenishment of medals, jewelry, insignia, and other non-consumable items purchased from NSSAR for resale to chapters or members;
- g. maintain a record of the name, location, and custodian of, and custody receipts for, items of furniture, office equipment, flags, amplifying and/or recording equipment, and other such property items owned by the FLSSAR.

#### Section 7 Registrar

The Registrar shall review and approve when proper, all applications and proofs of eligibility for membership, and forward to the NSSAR with admission fees as required for final approval.

#### Section 8 Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be the legal advisor to the officers and BOM on matters affecting or pertaining to the FLSSAR.

#### Section 9 Chaplain

The Chaplain, if present, shall open and close all meetings of the FLSSAR with the usual and proper services for such occasions.

#### Section 10 Genealogist

The Genealogist shall assist chapter genealogists in preparing prospects for membership in the FLSSAR. He shall write and publish such materials as will in his opinion be helpful in meeting the requirements for membership in the Society. He shall assist the Registrar when called upon to do so.

#### Section 11 Historian

The Historian shall maintain a running history of the FLSSAR and do such historical research as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President or by the BOM.

#### Section 12 Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist in preserving order as the President may direct. He shall handle the physical arrangements within the meeting hall, including seeing that the furnishing, sound amplifier, lighting, flags, decorations, regalia, and the like, are present, adequate, and in proper order. He shall maintain custody of the paraphernalia belonging to the FLSSAR other than office equipment and supplies used by the Secretary, and shall maintain them in a proper state of repair, deliver them to, and install them in, the meeting place as necessary for the conduct of meetings of the FLSSAR or of the BOM.

#### **SECTION 13 EDITOR**

**THE EDITOR IS TO PREPARE A PUBLICATION QUARTERLY UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS AND TO DISTRIBUTE IT TO ALL REGULAR AND EMERITUS MEMBERS OF THE STATE SOCIETY IN SUCH A MANNER AND STYLE AS APPROPRIATE TO THE OFFICE.**

#### **SECTION 14 WEBMASTER**

**THE WEBMASTER SHALL MAINTAIN AND UPDATE THE WEB PAGE OF THE FLSSAR.**

#### **SECTION 15 MEMBER AT LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE IS ELECTED ANNUALLY AND SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE MEMBER AT LARGE (MAL) REPRESENTS THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ON ISSUES OF INTEREST OR CONCERN, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARISE OUTSIDE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.**

#### ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

##### Section 1 Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the following members: The President., who shall serve as Chairman; The Senior Vice-President, who shall serve as Vice- Chairman; The Immediate Past President of the FLSSAR; The

Secretary, who shall serve as Secretary of the Committee; The Treasurer, who shall serve as the fiscal advisor; and A Member-at-Large, who shall be elected by the FLSSAR at its Annual Meeting.

Three members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive committee shall have the power to conduct its business by mail, email, or by electronic means, or telephone in lieu of convening in formal session; provided, however, that each member of the Committee shall confirm by **EMAIL OR HARDCOPY** letter to the Secretary, each vote he has given by telephone. A report shall be made by the Chairman **AND/OR SECRETARY** at each meeting of the BOM detailing all actions taken by the Executive Committee since its last report to the BOM. During intervals between meetings of the BOM, the members of the Committee shall have the duty to meet on call of the Chairman and to act for the Board of Management ad interim on any matter that the Chairman deems to be of such urgency and importance that the action must be taken before the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the BOM. The committee shall also serve as a council to advise the President on planning and operational matters about which he deems the counsel of the Committee to be needed or helpful. **THE COMMITTEE SHALL ALSO SERVE AS A COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL TRUSTEE ON NATIONAL NSSAR ISSUES THAT FLSSAR MEMBERS HAVE INTEREST IN TO PRESENT TO THE NATIONAL TRUSTEE MEETINGS.**

#### Section 2 Audit Committee

The President shall appoint an Audit Committee of not less than three nor more than five members of the FLSSAR, which committee shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, annually, an audit **OR FINANCIAL REVIEW** of the financial books and records of the FLSSAR for the preceding fiscal year. The report of such audit shall be presented to the BOM for approval at its meeting which is to be held on the day before the date fixed for the opening of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR.

#### Section 3 Patriot Medal Committee

The President shall appoint, and name the Chairman of, the Patriot Medal Committee, to consist of five members of the FLSSAR, each of whom has previously been awarded the Patriot Medal. The term of office of the members of the Committee shall be coterminous with that of the President who appoints them. This statutory committee shall have the exclusive power and duty to act for the FLSSAR to designate the recipients of the FLSSAR to whom the Patriot Medal will be awarded by the FLSSAR. Presentation of the Patriot Medal shall be made at the final session of the Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR, by the Chairman of the Committee or by another person designated by him to do so.

Nominations of persons to be considered by the Committee for the Patriot Medal may be made by any member of the FLSSAR. Such nomination should include a statement detailing the qualifications of the nominee for such consideration, and must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee at or before January 31st of each year.

It is the duty of this Committee to assure that the medal is properly engraved and a framed certificate attesting to the award are on hand at or before the scheduled time of the presentation ceremony. The Chairman of the Committee shall furnish annually to the Secretary a list of persons to whom the Patriot Medal has been awarded by this committee so that the annals of the FLSSAR may record the names of all holders of the Patriot Medal as being life members of the BOM.

#### Section 4 Medals and Awards Committee

The President shall appoint, and name the Chairman of, the Medals and Awards Committee, to consist of five members of the FLSSAR whose term of office shall be coterminous with that of the President who appoints them. This statutory committee shall have the exclusive power and duty to act for the FLSSAR to:

- a. d Designate the persons, groups, or organizations to whom medals (other than the Patriot Medal), plaques, prizes, decorations, trophies, certificates, gifts, honoraria, or other awards, except as provided for in these bylaws are to be given by, and in the name of, the FLSSAR.
- b. a Arrange for medals, plaques, and the like to be suitably engraved; for certificates and the like to be suitably inscribed and signed as determined by the Chairman and the maker of the request; and c. for the items that are to be awarded to be on hand at or before the scheduled time of the presentation ceremony. The Chairman or person making any requests for plaques and / or certificates shall decide when framing is necessary.
- c. d Designate the person who will present the medal or award and inform the President of the name of the presenter;
- d. f Furnish to the Secretary, at the time of the Annual Meeting, a list of all medals and awards that have been given out by this committee during the year of its tenure, so that the names of all holders thereof may be permanently recorded in the annals of the FLSSAR;
- e. p Provide advice and guidance to the Chapters regarding medals and awards proposed to be given by the Chapters and request that all chapters report all medals and awards presented during the past year to the Chairman of the Commit-

tee and to the Secretary.

Nominations of persons to be considered by this committee for awards may be made to the committee by any member of the FLSSAR; such a nomination should include a statement detailing the qualifications of the nominee for such consideration, and should be sent to the Chairman of the committee.

#### Section 5 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, who shall be the Chairman, and two other members who shall be appointed by the President, and whose term of office shall be coterminous with that of the President who appoints them. This standing committee shall exercise management supervision over all FLSSAR finances except those of the Endowment Trust Fund and the Operating Budget Trust Fund.

#### Section 6 Other Committees

Other committees, not listed in these bylaws, may become necessary or useful; or the need to modify the duties of, or eliminate, an existing committee may arise. In such case, the desired change shall be proposed for consideration by the President, the BOM, or any member of the FLSSAR, as appropriate. A proposal for a new committee or for the modification of an existing committee shall include a proposed draft of a new or revised charter that states the name, duties, structure, powers, method of appointment and term of office of its members, and shall propose whether it shall be given the status statutory, standing, or special. *A special committee is of short duration functioning only during the incumbency of the current President or BOM and is not required to have a formal charter of authority to function. Special committees will automatically be terminated at the end of the term of the President or BOM.* [DELETED DUE TO CONFLICT WITH ARTICLE V – SECTION 6. C.]

Committees are described as follows:

- a. A Statutory Committee has the following characteristics:
  - (1) **STATUTORY COMMITTEES ARE #is** established by, and its charter is set forth in, these By-Laws. (see Article VIII -- Section 3 below.)
  - (2) **STATUTORY COMMITTEES #performs** functions and has powerS as stated in these By-Laws.
  - (3) **STATUTORY COMMITTEES # remains** in existence permanently, from year to year. *and*
  - (4) **MEMBERS OF STATUTORY COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED BY THE OFFICER IDENTIFIED IN THEIR BY-LAW AND ARE CONCURRENT** *The term of office of its members is coterminous with that of the APPOINTING OFFICER President who appoints them;* unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.
- b. A Standing Committee has the following characteristics:
  - (1) **STANDING COMMITTEES ARE #is** established, chartered, and empowered by action of the **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.BOM;**
  - (2) **STANDING COMMITTEE #s c** CharterS may be amended or revoked by action of the BOARD OF MANAGEMENT. **BOM;**
  - (3) **STANDING COMMITTEES #performs continuing** functions. **THEY,** and remains in existence **AS so** long as **THEIR #s** charterS remains in **EFFECT. Force;**
  - (4) **STANDING COMMITTEE #s** charterS designates the class of business **over FOR** which **THE STANDING COMMITTEES HAVE it has** cognizance, and **THEY GRANT AUTHORITY its power** to conduct **such** business.;
  - (5) *It provides staffing and other services upon matters of the designated class, either upon its own volition or upon assignment by the BOM or by the President;*
  - (6)-(5) **MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** *The structure of the committee, how and by whom its members are to be appointed* **BY THE OFFICER IDENTIFIED IN THEIR CHARTERS. MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES SERVE FOR A TERM AS STATED IN THEIR CHARTERS. ,and duration of their term of office are stated in its charter.**
- c. A Special Committee (sometimes called ad hoc committee) has the following characteristics:
  - (1) **A SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE #** is established, structured, chartered, and empowered by action of the President or of the **BOM; BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.**
  - (2) **A SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE #** performs the task or tasks specified in that action;
  - (3) **A SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE #** remains in existence, and its members continue to serve, until the task(S) shall have been completed, a report submitted and accepted, and the committee is discharged. **CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS BY THE EMPOWERING AUTHORITY. SPECIAL OR AD HOC COMMITTEES MAY BE TRANSFORMED INTO STANDING COMMITTEES BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.**

ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 1 Reimbursements

No officer shall receive any compensation from the FLSSAR solely by virtue of his office except as authorized by the BOM. The BOM shall have the authority to approve, either by general resolution or by specific action, the payment of expenses reasonably incurred by any officer or member in the performance of requested or special duties. Such reimbursement may include, without limitation, such items as postage, stationary, automobile or other travel expenses, meals, lodging, telephone calls, etc. Any such reimbursement shall be only on the basis of a proper voucher or expense account itemizing such expenses. Any expenditures not conforming to these bylaws will be considered and treated as personal expenses of the person so making the expenditure.

Section 2 Expenses of the Secretary

The Secretary may be granted an allowance, in an amount approved by the BOM, to cover the expenses of his office, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Rental of office space and office machines;
- b. Telephone, postage, stationery, and other consumables;
- c. Clerical and professional services as may be required from time to time to handle the office details in order that the affairs of the FLSSAR may be conducted in an efficient manner, such services to be procured under contract from firms or from persons acting as independent contractors, such contracts to state in detail the nature, extent, and cost, of the services to be provided; provided, however, that each contract shall be approved in advance by the BOM together with a grant of authority to the Secretary to act as the agent of the FLSSAR in signing and enforcing the contract.

Section 3 Fidelity Bond

The BOM shall maintain in effect a fidelity bond (**D&O INSURANCE**) providing coverage in favor of the FLSSAR in such amount as shall be deemed to be reasonable and prudent in order to protect the FLSSAR from pecuniary loss. The person(S) or officer(s) to be named in such insurance coverage shall be those as determined from time to time by the BOM or by the Executive Committee.

Section 4 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the FLSSAR shall be the calendar year.

Section 5 Budget

The Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget in which are listed the categories and accounts of anticipated income and the funding authorized for the various items of expected expenses, and shall submit it to the BOM at **THE MEETING CLOSEST TO, BUT NOT AFTER, DECEMBER 31ST OF EACH YEAR.** ~~its regular Fall/October Meeting.~~ The annual budget shall represent the expected income and outlays for the twelve-month period beginning on January 1 following its approval by the BOM. The Finance Committee shall have the power to effect transfers between, or adjustments in, amounts allocated in the budget by the BOM to the respective budget categories or line items; provided, however, that the amounts involved in such changes do not exceed ten per cent of the amount originally approved by the BOM for any line item that will be affected by the change. The Committee shall have the duty to obtain approval of the Executive Committee before effecting changes of more than ten percent but not more than twenty five per cent, and of the BOM for changes greater than twenty five per cent, of the original allocation for any line item that would be affected by the change.

Section 6 Emeritus Program

The Emeritus Program of the FLSSAR recognizes compatriots for long membership and financial support to the Society and also provides relief to certain compatriots in need or distress.

- a. Emeritus I. All FLSSAR members who have paid dues to the NSSAR for fifty years shall be Emeritus Members of the NSSAR in accordance with the NSSAR Bylaws. *All FLSSAR Members who are Emeritus Members of the NSSAR may request to become exempt from NSSAR dues in accordance with NSSAR Bylaws.* Those Exempt from National dues are Emeritus I Members. *The FLSSAR may request Emeritus I Status for any FLSSAR Member who is an Emeritus Member of the NSSAR.*

**SECTION 7 DISSOLUTION  
UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY, AND AFTER PAYMENT OF JUST DEBTS AND LIABILITIES, ALL REMAINING ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZATIONS ENJOYING AN EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED OR SUCCESSOR PROVISIONS, WITH PREFERENCE GIVEN TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

~~Section 1—Status~~

~~1. STATUS:~~ The Chapter is the principal subordinate element of the FLSSAR. It constitutes and shall serve as the primary link between the individual members of the Chapter and the FLSSAR and NSSAR.

~~Section 2—Purposes~~

~~2. PURPOSE:~~ The Chapter shall endeavor to promote the purposes of the FLSSAR, growth for FLSSAR’s membership, and public awareness and support for its objectives, and shall do so in a manner that will reflect credit upon it.

~~Section 3—Formation~~

~~3. FORMATION:~~ A minimum of ten members resident in the territory encompassed thereby shall be necessary for the formation and issuance of a charter to a local Chapter. An application for the formation of a new Chapter shall be submitted to the BOM; if the application is approved the BOM shall direct the preparation of a charter and shall arrange for it to be presented with a proper ceremony.

~~Section 4—Operation~~

~~4. OPERATION:~~ The Chapter shall adopt its own bylaws, elect its own officers, and regulate its own procedures and activities, subject to such rules and regulations as may be issued from time to time by the National and/or the Florida Society and to the constitution and bylaws of the NSSAR and the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the FLSSAR.

ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1 Resolutions

No resolution purporting to commit the FLSSAR to a position, cause, or course of action may be adopted at any meeting of the FLSSAR unless such matter shall have been considered and approved by the BOM prior to presentation thereof at an Annual Meeting.

Section 2 Authority to Speak for the FLSSAR

No member of the FLSSAR shall have the authority to speak for or represent the FLSSAR in any matter unless specifically authorized in advance either by action of the FLSSAR at an Annual Meeting or by the BOM. This provision shall not prohibit nor shall it ever be construed in a manner that would prohibit, hamper, impair, or interfere with the performance of the official duties of his office by any duly elected officer of any Chapter or of the FLSSAR.

Section 3 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting of the FLSSAR, subject to the following:

- b. **THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETING. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOM MAY BE NOTIFIED BY U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MAIL OR BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETING. THE REQUIRED THIRTY (30) DAY NOTICE PERIOD SHALL BE COMPUTED FROM THE DATE OF THE POSTMARK OR DATE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL. OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOM MAY BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA PATRIOT, PROVIDED THE FLORIDA PATRIOT IS PLACED IN THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MAIL NO LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MEETING.** ~~proposed amendment/s shall be published, in extract form, in THE FLORIDA PATRIOT and received for review by the membership in advance of the Annual Meeting.~~ The proposed amendment(S) will then be voted on by ballot at the Annual Meeting.
- c. The text of the proposed amendment(S) may be modified by a majority of the members present and voting without giving previous notice, ~~p~~ Provided, however, that such modification(S) do not increase the scope or purpose of **THE AMENDMENT(S)** or introduce additional changes beyond those changes for which previous notice was given.

Section 4 Rules of Order

At all meetings of the FLSSAR, the BOM, or any committee of either, any questions not covered by the Articles of Incorporation or by these bylaws, and which pertain to organization, procedure, or conduct of such meeting, shall be resolved by reference to the then-current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order.



**FLORIDA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Spring BOM and Annual Meeting May 3-5, 2013  
Ramada Plaza & Gateway Inn, 7470 Highway 192 West, Kissimmee, FL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Registration confirmation and update notifications – Email:

I prefer to use **MY OWN** name tag for the BOM I **Require a hard copy** Of BOM Proceedings – “Blue Book”

**BOM Voting Authority (Article II, Section I, FLSSAR ByLaws):**

**Select ONE:** FLSSAR Officer FLSSAR Committee Chair FLSSAR Past President  
 None Chapter President Chapter Past President Chapter Delegate  
 Patriot Medal FL National Trustee Incumbent/Past NSSAR Officer

A member of the BOM who is unable to attend a meeting may name, in writing, another member of the FLSSAR to attend and act in his stead; provided, however, that no person may have more than one vote.

I Plan on attending the following BOM Sessions (select as many as you want)

Executive Committee                      Regional VP Meeting                      Chapter Officer Training

**The Banquet meals (below) include: Beverage, Salad, Rolls and Desert choice.**

<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Banquet</b>	Member Meal Choice	None	Chicken Wellington - \$27	Vegetable Lasagna - \$27	Amount
	Member Desert Choice	None	Carrot Cake	No Sugar	
	Guest Meal Choice	None	Chicken Wellington - \$27	Vegetable Lasagna - \$27	Amount
	Guest Desert Choice	None	Carrot Cake	No Sugar	

<b>May 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Youth Luncheon</b>	Member Meal Choice	None	Assorted Sandwiches (Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef) - \$15		Amount
	Member Desert Choice	None	Assorted Cookies	No Sugar	
	Guest Meal Choice	None	Assorted Sandwiches (Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef) - \$15		Amount
	Guest Desert Choice	None	Assorted Cookies	No Sugar	

<b>May 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Banquet</b>	Member Meal Choice	None	Pork Medallions - \$27	Italian Baked Ziti - \$27	Amount
	Member Desert Choice	None	Apple Crisp	No Sugar	
	Guest Meal Choice	None	Pork Medallions - \$27	Italian Baked Ziti - \$27	Amount
	Guest Desert Choice	None	Apple Crisp	No Sugar	

Registration Fee – **SAR Members Only - \$10.00**

**SAR Member will:**                      Pay at Registration - **OR** -                      Mail Check in Advance                      Total

**MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE April 27, 2013**

**Meal changes / cancellations must be received 72 hours prior to BOM.**

***If you mail your registration via USPS and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail (you must list an e-mail address) within 4 days of mailing, call 941-497-2704. If you register by e-mail and do NOT receive a confirmation via e-mail within 1 day of sending message, call 941-497-2704.***

**Make your check payable to “Treasurer FLSSAR”. If mailing, send to:**

**FLSSAR Meetings Arrangements Committee**

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## Calendar of events

### National Events

#### *2013 National Congress*

Friday, 5 - Wednesday, 10 July 2013  
Kansas City, Missouri

#### *2013 - Fall Leadership Meeting*

Friday, 27 - Saturday, 28 September 2013  
Louisville, KY

#### *2014 - Spring Leadership Meeting*

Friday, 28 - Saturday, 1 March 2014  
Louisville, KY

### State Activities

#### *Spring 2013 BOM*

May 3-5, 2013  
Ramada Inn, Kissimmee, FL

**NO SUMMER BOM !!!**

#### *Fall 2013 BOM*

September 6-8, 2013  
Florida Hotel & Conference Center, Orlando FL

### Other Dates to Plan

#### *Last Naval Battle Celebration*

March 8, 2014 Merritt Island Veterans Center,  
Brevard County, FL

*"There can be no delusion more fatal to the nation than the delusion that the standard of profits, of business prosperity, is sufficient in judging any business or political question."*

*"There can be no effective control of corporations while their political activity remains."*

*"No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we require him to obey it."*

- See page 27 for author's name.

# Spring BOM & Annual Meeting 2013

Kissimmee, FL : May 3-5, 2013

Committee Reports are due by Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>

RAMADA HOTEL GATEWAY KISSIMMEE

7470 Highway 192 West (Exit 64 off I-4)

Kissimmee, FL 34747

Phone: 800 327-9170 or 407 396-4400

NOTE: ABOVE PHONES ARE THE ONES TO USE. They connect directly to hotel.

Fax: 407-396-4320

Check in time - 4:00 pm, Check out time - 11:00 am

Make room reservations directly with Ramada

Room Rates: The tower plaza rooms are \$65.00, except the suites which will remain at \$99.00 and the non-tower plaza rooms are \$55.00. This is a reduction of \$10.00 in two room rates.- Plus current 13% tax. Please specify "Florida Sons of the American Revolution" to get the special rate. 55 rooms have been blocked.

All Rooms will be held until 10 days before BOM. After that, rooms will be "if available" and with FLSSAR price.

Rooms may be upgraded to larger rooms in the Tower Plaza. The hotel is pleased to extend to SAR the above group room rates for the period plus or minus 5 days of the actual meeting date to allow for early arrivals and stayovers.

The **South West Region RVP** is assigned the Spring 2013 BOM and Annual meeting duties with his chapters.

### *Spring BOM & Annual Meeting Activities*

Executive Committee Meeting (Friday Noon - 1:00 p.m.)

Regional VP Meeting (Friday 1:05- 2:05 pm)

BOM Session (Friday 3:10 - 4:15 pm)

Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting (Friday 3:10 - 4:15 pm)

Friday Banquet

Memorial Service (Saturday 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.)

Officer Training Session (Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)

Youth Luncheon (Saturday 11:30 a.m.)

BOM Session (Saturday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.)

Annual Meeting (Saturday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

Saturday Banquet



*The Florida Patriot*

3403 Caraway St., Cocoa, FL 32926

Send your unusual or special pictures for this section to [swilliams16@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16@cfl.rr.com)  
or to **Patriot Spotlight**, 3403 Caraway St., Cocoa, FL 32926



Visit the Florida Society Website at <http://www.flssar.org/>

Pictured here is the Continental Frigate *Alliance* (left), 36 guns, taking on and defeating the British Frigate *Sybil* (right) in the last naval action of the Revolutionary War off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida. Each year the Florida and Brevard Chapter societies celebrate this victory with a commemoration held in Brevard County. This year it is on March 9th.

